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VERY COLD WEATHER IN THE CITY.

BLOCKADE-RUNNERS AT HAVANA.

The steamship *Morning Star*, Capt. J. M. Cessnaty, from New-Orleans 12th inst., via Havana the 15th inst., arrived at this port last evening. She experienced very heavy weather on the passage.

The *Morning Star* was detained at New-Orleans three days by order of Maj.-Gen. BANKS, in order that he might transmit important dispatches to Washington. She was detained at the mouth of the Mississippi River sixteen hours in consequence of a dense fog. She left the Southwest Pass at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 13th inst., and arrived at Havana on the 15th, and left same day for New-York.

The *Morning Star* left at Havana steamships *Eagle* and *Cuvier*, for New-York next day. The blockade-runner *Isabel* arrived at Havana on the 15th instant. She ran the blockade at Mobile, and had a cargo of 450 bales of cotton, and threw overboard 120 bales off Tortugas in a gale of wind. The blockade-runner *Velocity* (?) also, with a cargo of cotton from the coast of Florida, also arrived at Havana on the 14th inst. She was chased by the United States gunboat *De Soto*. The latter vessel was at Havana when the *Morning Star* left. Several blockade-runners were lying out at Havana.

The *Morning Star* passed in last Mississippi River-bound up, brig *Fanny Foulks*, at Southwest Pass; ships *Annapolis* and *F. C. Duncan*. Outside the bar, United States steam frigate *Colorado* at anchor; also the bark *Warren Gallet*, from Boston, and the brig *Faustina*, from Philadelphia.

The weather in New-Orleans for several days prior to the departure of the *Morning Star* has been exceedingly cold and wet. The ponds in the city were completely with ice for nearly a week. Heavy frosts are reported in the vicinity of the city and on the coast, and it is thought that the orange trees and citron crop had suffered severely, if they are not entirely destroyed. The weather has been colder in Louisiana during the last month than has been known for many years previous.

It was reported at Havana that the steamship *Harriet Lane*, formerly United States gunboat of that name, and been fitted up at Galveston, Texas, for blockade-running purposes, and was expected at Havana shortly with a full cargo of cotton. The propeller *Boston*, captured by rebels under Jim Dunn at Pilot Town, a point on the Mississippi River, six or eight months ago, and taken to Mobile, has been made into a gunboat by adding fifty feet to her length and other wise improved. The rebel agents at Havana were indiscreet enough to admit that she would soon be ready to run the blockade and make an attempt to capture some of the New-Orleans Mail steamships.

Mr. C. H. FARRELL is bearer of dispatches from Maj.-Gen. BANKS to Washington.

We are again indebted to Purser Fuller, of steamship *Morning Star*, for papers.

OUR NEW-ORLEANS CORRESPONDENCE.

Intensely Cold Weather—Northern Winter in the "Sunny South"—The Free State Convention—Highly Important Proceedings—Brig.-Gen. J. J. Reynolds, New Commander of the Defences of New-Orleans—Army Movements.

From our Special Correspondent.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, Jan. 9, 1864.

INTENSELY COLD WEATHER.

It now seems to have been for very wise reasons that—according to Northern papers—the brook trout commenced leaving the small creeks for deep holes as early as September, and the knowing muskrats commenced instinctively walling their little hillock homes, preparatory to a savage Winter. I don't know how you are faring in the North; whether or not capricious Nature is showering upon you our oranges, roses and violets; but most assuredly she is presenting us, just now, with your piercing, biting, frosty weather, that would not disgrace the blue-noses of Canada. Only think of us here, in the "Sunny South," where we have not caught a glimpse of sunshine for four or five days, with our window-panes frosted all over with ice, omnibuses rattling through the streets, with an ornamental fringe of icicles three or four inches long, the trees looking for all the world as if made of white sugar, and people slipping along the pavements upon rain which freezes as it falls.

Such a picture as New-Orleans has presented during the past four or five days, many assert that it never presented before; although I find the old stagers have vary from 15 to 50 years in their estimate of the time since the city last had such an commercial visitation of Jack Frost. Certain it is that no Northern person could even have calculated upon the remotest possibility of ever experiencing such severe weather down here; and although the thermometer does not fall so low as in the North, it is impossible to tell how keenly these hyperborean winds can affect even those most accustomed to the wintry blasts of the North.

Seriously speaking, is there any connection between the advent of the Yankees here and this extraordinary change in Southern temperature? In other words, have the Yankees, to show of their zeal—as the Secessionists accuse them of doing—brought their freezing air of New-England along with them? We all know how national characteristics are often noticed to correspond with certain geographical peculiarities, as, for instance, the love of liberty and home invariably found among those inhabiting mountainous regions; and, then, again, the singular resemblance between the whole American people and the sentiment they inhabit—both of them extreme in all things. The land, in its heat and cold, its sunshine and storms, its boundless extent, its huge rivers, mountains rocks, prairies and cataracts; the people in their immeasurable invention, whether it be in good or liberality, honor or love, labor or pleasure, peace or war. Without venturing upon any philosophical speculations, it is, to say the least, a strange coincidence that Jack Frost should have selected for so remarkable a visit the very period when Northern blood here, for the first time, had power to expand in the South; and that people should—many, perhaps, for the first time in their lives—be shaking frost from their feet as they entered the St. Charles Theatre last night, to open resolutions of the minister Convention that legislating to bring Louisiana back as a Free State to the Union. This brings me naturally to

THE FREE-STATE CONVENTION.

The mass meeting of late body which took place on the evening of Friday, Jan. 8, (the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans,) at the St. Charles Theatre, was unquestionably one of the most important ever held in this State, and one whose far-reaching influence will, sooner or later, be felt through the length and breadth of the country. As our local paper will give you full details of it, I need not do more than glance at its character and aims.

The meeting was presided over by that able statesman and clear-headed man, the Hon. D. F. FLANNIGAN, who, in a very short and pertinent speech, explained the objects of the meeting. The gist of the President's remarks was to show that the martial law, rendered necessary by the outbreak of this rebellion, was not the normal condition contemplated by the Government; that in appointing a Military Governor, the President of the United States had only done what was necessary for the time being, but that now it became the people of Louisiana, of their own free will, to take the necessary steps for organizing a form of Government consistent with the future welfare of the State and the spirit of the times in which we live.

The preamble and resolutions will be found calm, temperate and dignified, but withal full of unmistakable determination of purpose. Starting upon the broad basis of that sublime utterance in the Declaration of Independence, "that all men are created equal—that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights—that among them are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," they boldly affirm that this rebellion is but a vast effort to overthrow that principle; assert the triumph of free government; proclaim the existence of Slavery in Louisiana as "a moral, legal and physical impossibility" indorse all the acts and proclamations of the President respecting it, especially that of 8th December, 1863, and call upon the Military Governor of the State, Brig.-Gen. George F. Shepley, to take all necessary steps for having an election at an early day.

Let no one in the North mistake this for the work of a mere factious and impotent minority. The following record of the population represented, and the number of parishes, will go far toward dispelling any such idea:

New-Orleans	168,675	St. John the Baptist	7,400
Jefferson	11,296	Lafourche	14,000
Avoyelles	12,167	Pointe Coupee	16,000
Assumption	15,570	St. Martin	12,670
St. James	11,400	East Baton Rouge	25,000
Terrebonne	15,000	West Baton Rouge	7,312
St. Charles	8,200	De Soto	12,000
Ascension	14,000	Rapides	16,000
Plaquemines	5,194	Sabine	12,000
St. Bernard	7,076	Terrebonne	17,000
Total			403,634

This gives us a total of 403,634, more than half the population and territory of Louisiana, according to the census of 1860—a splendid record so far! Nor let it be imagined that because there are other parishes unrepresented up to the present time, that we are to count them as pertinaciously disloyal, and that they will not gladly indorse all that the others are doing, when the leaven of liberty has had an opportunity of working a little more among them. I speak confidently when I say that there are in St. Landry, Catahoula and other parishes not mentioned above, men as devotedly loyal as are to be found in this city or anywhere in the North.

Take Catahoula, for instance. It was this last-named parish which, at the fatal election three years ago last Wednesday—when New-Orleans proved recreant and sent its Sammases and Adamses to the Convention—sent there that noble old man TALLIFERRO, who, by his firm and undaunted loyalty, rebuked in thunder tones alike the madness of scare and the cowardice of others who combined to ruin Louisiana; aided by the brave RESZER, of this place, who stood faithfully by him and wrote his own honorable and immortal record on the journals of that forever infamous assemblage.

NEW COMMANDER OF THE DEFENCES OF NEW-ORLEANS.

Maj.-Gen. J. J. REYNOLDS has just assumed command of the defenses of New-Orleans, hitherto conducted by that estimable gentleman and gallant officer, Col. B. G. BURGHARDT, since the retirement of Brig.-Gen. EMORY, from ill health.

Gen. REYNOLDS comes to us with brilliant antecedents. He was a graduate of West Point, and, for several years, Professor of Engineering and Natural Sciences at that Military Academy. At the breaking out of the Mexican war he was a Lieutenant of artillery, and attached to the same battery as BRAXTON BRAGG. On the arrival of Gen. TAYLOR's forces on the Rio Grande, Lieut. REYNOLD's was detached from his battery to superintend the construction of Fort Brown and other important works.

At the outbreak of the present war, Gov. MORTON, of Indiana, selected him to organize the troops of that State. He became Colonel of the Tenth Indiana regiment, and soon after was promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General. In the Fall of 1861, he distinguished himself by his skill with which he conducted the Cheat Mountain Campaign. Elkwater, where he manœuvered less than 5,000 men in such a manner, on the night of the 12th September, 1861, as to convey the impression to the enemy—numbering 17,000 men under LEE—that he had a heavy force and was receiving reinforcements. He succeeded so well that LEE—notwithstanding his overwhelming superiority—retreated without giving battle.

One the 3d October, of the same year, he fought the battle of Greenbrier, in which the rebels—although nearly superior in numbers—were worsted with considerable loss, and the campaign ended.

We next find Gen. REYNOLDS fighting under ROSECRANS against BRAGG, and at the great battle of Chickamauga he distinguished himself by his bravery. In Saturday's fight he commanded three divisions of Thomas' gallant corps, which saved our army. At one time Gen. REYNOLDS' line was cut in two and the road in his rear seized by the enemy, but a vigorous rally, conducted by himself, forced the enemy to retire, and our troops again advancing, recaptured several pieces of artillery. In Sunday's fighting his services were no less distinguished, and at one time, while rallying a portion of his men, he was surrounded by rebel infantry and barely escaped.

On the relief of ROSECRANS, the four corps being consolidated into two, Gen. REYNOLDS remained on duty as chief adviser of Gen. THOMAS, until ordered by the War Department to this station, where he arrived and entered on his duties on Thursday, the 7th of this month.

ARMY MOVEMENTS.

In this direction appear to partake of the universal temporary lulls; or if anything of consequence is going on, nothing respecting it reaches us. We must not, however, expect that our armies down here are idle because we hear little of them. It is a trick of this Department to strike telling blows when and where least expected by the enemy, and indeed by ourselves. The General is still here, but I understand is shortly going again to take the field.

NEMO.

PROCLAMATION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW-ORLEANS, Jan. 11, 1864.

To the People of Louisiana:

I, in pursuance of authority vested in me by the President of the United States, and upon consultation with many representative men of different interests, being fully assured that more than a majority of the population desire the earliest possible restoration of Louisiana to the Union, I invite the loyal citizens of the State qualified to vote in public affairs, as hereinafter prescribed, to assemble in the election precincts designated by law, or at such places as may hereafter be established, on the 22d day of February, 1864, to cast their votes for the election of State officers herein named, viz.: 1. Governor; 2. Lieutenant-Governor; 3. Secretary of State; 4. Treasurer; 5. Attorney-General; 6. Superintendent of Public Instruction; 7. Auditor of Public Account, who shall when elected, for the time being, and until others are appointed by competent authority, constitute the civil government of the State, under the Constitution and laws of Louisiana, except so much of the said Constitution and laws as recognize, sanction, or relate to slavery, which being inconsistent with the present condition of public affairs, and certainly inapplicable to any state of peace now existing within the Union, must be considered pro tanto, and they are hereby declared to be inoperative and void. This proceeding is not intended to ignore the rights of property existing prior to the rebellion, which I shall protect to the utmost, in the person of loyal citizens for labor exacted by enlistments or other authorized acts of the Government.

II. The rate of allegiance required by the President's Proclamation, with the conditions affixed to the elective franchise in the Constitution of Louisiana, will constitute the qualifications of voters in this election. Officers elected to fill the vacancies in the civil offices on the 4th day of March, 1864.

III. The registration of voters, directed under the direction of the Military Governor and the general Union Associations, not inconsistent with the Proclamation, or other orders of the President, are authorized and approved.

IV. In order that the organic law of the State may be made to conform to the will of the people, and harmonize with the spirit of the age, as well as to maintain and promote the cause of human rights of civil and religious liberty, an election of delegates to a convention for the revision of the Constitution will be held on the first Monday of April, 1864. The basis of representation, the number of delegates and the details of election will be announced in subsequent orders.

V. Arrangements will be made for the early election of members of Congress for the State.

VI. The fundamental law of the State is martial law. It is competent and just for the Government to convention to the people, at the earliest possible moment, so much of military power as may be consistent with the success of military operations; to prepare the way, by prompt and wise measures, for the full restoration of the State to the Union, and its power to the people; to restore their ancient and unsurpassed prosperity; to enlarge the scope of agricultural, and commercial industry, and to extend and confirm the dominion of national liberty. It is not within human power to accomplish these results without some sacrifice of individual prejudices and interests. Problems of State, too complicate for the human mind, have been solved by the national cannon. In great civil convulsions, the agony of strife enters the souls of the innocent as well as the guilty. The Government is subject to the law of necessity, and must consult the condition of things, rather than the requirements of men; and it can be safe in its purposes and its measures when it has the right to decree that objections of personal interest and opinion shall be subordinate to the public good. When the national existence is at stake, and the liberties of the people in peril, inaction is treason.

The methods herein proposed submit the whole question of government directly to the people—first, by the election of executive officers, faithful to the Union, to be followed by a loyal representation in both Houses of Congress—and then by a Convention which will confirm the action of the people, and recognize the principles of freedom in the organic law. This is the wish of the President. The anniversary of WASHINGTON's birth is a fit day for the commencement of so great a work. The fundamental Protestant principle of peace guided by a more just and benignant spirit than that of his successor in office, the President of the United States in the hour of our trial let us hear his admonitions!

Louisiana, in the opening of her history, sealed the integrity of the Union by conferring upon the Government the Valley of the Mississippi. In the war for independence upon the sea, she crowned a glorious struggle against the first maritime Power of the world, by a victory unsurpassed in the annals of war. Let her people now announce to the world the coming restoration of the Union, in which the sages that follow us have a deeper interest than our own, by the organization of a free government, and her fame will be immortal!

N. P. BANKS, M.-G. C.

THE WAR IN WEST VIRGINIA.

The Affairs at Moorefield and Allegheny Junction—Negro Soldiers Enveigled by the Rebel Reserve.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA, NEW-CREEK, VA., Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1864.

CAPTAIN: A soldier of colr. JAMES A. WALKER, Co. E, Second Maryland regiment, captured in the march upon the train at the Moorefield and Allegheny Junction on the 3d inst., by the enemy under Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, escaped, when near Rocky Gap on the 8th inst., and reported to me this morning. He informs me that 12 of the enemy were killed and 20 wounded in the skirmish. He also states that there were present under the command of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, three companies of negro troops, cavalry, armed with carbines. They were not engaged in the attack, but stationed with the reserve. The guards, he reports, openly admitted to the prisoners that they were accompanied by negro soldiers, stating, however, that the North had shown the example.

Faithfully, JAMES A. MULLIGAN, Colonel.

THE WAR IN TENNESSEE.

A Skirmish Near Tazewell—Capture of Gen. Vance.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 19.

The following dispatches have been received at headquarters in this city:

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 17, 1864.

Major-Gen. Halleck, General-in-Chief:

On the 14th inst. Gen. VANCE made a raid toward Tazewville, and captured a train of twenty-three wagons. He was promptly pursued by Col. PALMER, who recaptured the wagons and took one ambulance loaded with medicines, 150 saddle horses and 300 stand of arms. VANCE, his Adjutant-General and Inspector-General are among the prisoners captured.

U. S. GRANT, Maj.-Gen.

FROM ST. DOMINGO.

The Capture of Azua—Operations of the Dominicans—Guerrillas—The Spaniards Defeated in two Battles—The Spanish Prospect Unfavorable.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Jan. 19.

The Turks Island *Standard*, of the 2d inst., has dates from the City of St. Domingo of Dec. 14 and from Puerto Plata to Dec. 26. The capture of AZUA by the Spaniards, under GAMBARA, is confirmed. But the *Standard* states that, although it has cost two months of fighting and many lives, its possession is of no great importance to the Spaniards.

A train of eighty mules, laden with ammunition for SANTANA's army, was captured Dec. 9 by the Dominicans.

Twelve hundred Spaniards left St. Domingo City on the 9th to capture St. Christobal, but were harassed terribly by the Dominican guerrillas, and on reaching a defile at River Jaina they were driven back helter-skelter to the city, losing some 250 killed and wounded. The Dominicans still hold St. Christobal, thus preventing all land communication with places occupied by the Spaniards.

Some 200 Spaniards, with 300 rifles, 40,000 rounds of cartridges and a field piece, had been captured by the Dominicans at Yabacoa, SANTANA's army supply depot.

The Spaniards are strengthening the fortifications of St. Domingo by two redoubts. SANTANA is near Sangumo, and has lately been reinforced by 1,500 men. But there are more than 700 sick in his camp. He is unable to move his army forward. His position is critical, and it is feared that the Dominicans may inflict a fatal blow on him. Two native regiments have been ordered to be formed in St. Domingo.

A severe battle took place Dec. 20, at Puerto Plata, in which the Spaniards were defeated, with a loss of 150 out of 600. The Dominicans are represented to have fought with great gallantry in this encounter, and captured a cannon.

A rumor that Dominican privateers were cruising near the island is contradicted by the *Standard*.

The *Standard*, in a *résumé* of the situation of affairs, says: "The sooner Spain withdraws from this dishonorable and unprofitable contest the better. The Spaniards are masters only of the ground they stand upon, and the district through which they fight their way one day is occupied by the Dominicans the next. The Spaniards will find that instead of vanquishing the Dominicans, they will acquire only a cemetery."

Movements of Maj.-Gen. Burnside.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Maj.-Gen. BURNSIDE visited the different branches of the Legislature this afternoon. He was accompanied to the Senate by President FILES and Speaker BULLOCK, when that body took a recess of 20 minutes, and the General received the congratulations of the members. He subsequently visited the House, where he was received with much enthusiasm, and was introduced by Speaker BULLOCK to the members.

Five—Five Persons Burned to Death.

BUFFALO, Tuesday, Jan. 19.

A shanty in the outskirts of the city was destroyed by fire last night, and five persons burned to death.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Diplomatic Correspondence Submitted to Congress.

Our Foreign Relations During the Past Year.

British Neutrality and French Intervention Discussed.

Views of Our Government on the Mexican Question.

How the Powers of the World Regard Us.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 19.

The diplomatic correspondence which has been submitted to Congress, is in printed form, and very voluminous. It commences on the tenth of November, 1863, and relates to many interesting subjects. The following points are drawn from a hasty glance at the immense volume:

GREAT BRITAIN.

FOREIGN INTERVENTION.

Minister ADAMS, in a letter to Mr. SEWARD, Nov. 13, 1863, having just returned from a conference with Earl RUSSELL on the subject of the proposed Commission of European Powers for settlement of American affairs, says it was "friendly and satisfactory," and adds: "It is a little remarkable that both in England and France the tendency of public opinion is gradually to fall into the old channel of party divisions. The advocates of strong power side with the rebels, while the more liberal, and popular party befriend the cause of the Government. This is becoming more and more visible as the struggle goes on. Efforts are now making here, with a good prospect of success, for a more effective organization of the Anti-Slavery sentiment by itself."

Secretary SEWARD, in a dispatch to Minister ADAMS, Nov. 30, 1863, says:

"Congress has been together 10 days, I think, a good, practical and patriotic Congress. The President's Message grasps the subject of Slavery earnestly and confidently. It would be unbecoming, even if it were possible, to predict the reception which his bold suggestions of gradual and compensated emancipation will meet. It is something to know—perhaps it is all that can be known now—that the great problem of civil war maintains its importance, and secures the consideration it deserves. While the people hesitate, doubt, and divide, among each new suggestion that is made for the solution of the problem, they no longer shrink from contemplating and studying it. If they come to the work, to be slow in reaching the World ought to be reassured of their success by the reflection that no nation ever attempted history in a similar case. Slow as we are, this great question heretofore has known. Can the Constitution and the Union endure through the trial? There is no danger any social fact disappears in the depths when we compare the military and political conditions of the country now with what they were when Congress came together a year ago. Indeed, we compare the condition of our foreign relations now existing with that which prevailed when Congress assembled a year ago—we are conscious of strength, power and stability, which then it would have seemed presumptuous to expect."

Mr. SEWARD to Minister ADAMS, Dec. 7, 1863, says:

"The President is of the opinion that the dignity of the country and the interests of peace concur in requiring forbearance on the part of the Government from discussing the motives, objects, and legitimate tendency of the late movement of France in regard to our national affairs. I may, perhaps, without departing from this course, inform you that the popular judgment in this country is unanimous in accrediting that proceeding to designs on the part of the Emperor, which are not only hostile, but aggressive. The President does not accept this interpretation, but thinks, on the contrary, that the proceeding was an ill-advised act, founded upon erroneous conceptions of fact, if not upon an impulse of resentment for the conduct of the country, and a mistaken desire to counsel in a case where all foreign counsel creates embarrassment, and must be rejected with firmness. I may add that the determination of Congress and of the people to hold the country in a condition of defence adequate to meet any foreign intervention has been intensified by the appearance of the proposition of M. DAVIES at Liege."

After further discussing the question, the Secretary says in conclusion:

"The whole case may be summed up thus: The United States claim that in this war they are a whole sovereign nation, and entitled to the same consideration that they accord to Great Britain. Great Britain does not treat them as such a sovereign; and from all the evils that disturb their intercourse and endanger their friendship, Great Britain justifies her course and perseveres. The United States do not admit the justification, and so they are obliged to complain and stand on their guard. Those in either country who desire to see the two nations remain in this relation are not well advised friends of either of them."

INTERNATIONAL COURTESY.

Mr. SEWARD to Mr. ADAMS March 21, 1863, says:

"Your attendance at the capital ceremonies of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the honors which you paid to the occasion at the Legation, are approved. The event is regarded by the British nation as contributing a new guaranty of the stability, prosperity and welfare of the United Kingdom. The people of the United States, well wishers to all nations, and cordially friendly to Great Britain, give their best wishes that that guaranty may prove a substantial and reliable one."

THE ENLISTMENT OF BRITISH SUBJECTS.

Lord RUSSELL, in reply to a letter from Mr. ADAMS, says:

"The Government of the United States must either proceed on the principle of admitting all British subjects to voluntary service in its ships and military bodies, and then it has no reason to complain that the Confederates do the same; or it must appeal to the Foreign Enlistment Act, and in that case it ought not to encourage in its own practice that which it denounces in the case of the Confederates. The United States cannot ask the British Government to act partially and unfairly. If thousands of British subjects are to be found fighting in the ranks of the Federals, on the invitation of the United States authorities, it is no breach of neutrality that some hundreds should be found in the ships and armies of the Confederates, upon a similar invitation on their part."

To the above Mr. ADAMS replies:

"Mr. LORD: I am very happy to understand, by the terms of your Lordship's note of the 1st inst., which I did not doubt must have been the fact, that no intention was entertained on the part of Her Majesty's Government to put obstacles in the way of remonstrance on the part of my Government, against the enlistment by parties within this Kingdom of Her Majesty's subjects, for the purpose and with the intent to carry on war against a nation with which she is at peace. It has seemed to me that such proceedings have been and are carried on in violation of the neutrality declared in the present contest, and to that extent become just subjects of complaint on my part. I am not aware that I have ever carried my representations beyond that point."

Mr. ADAMS to Lord RUSSELL, Aug. 28, 1863, writes:

"I have the honor to communicate to your Lordship, under directions from my Government, a copy of a note addressed to Mr. DAYTON, the Minister of the United States at Paris, by the Secretary of State. I am directed to say that this is done solely out of respect to Her Majesty's Government, and for its information, and not from any belief that it has had any purpose or desire to vary from the policy hitherto marked out for itself in regard to the disputes in the United States. The peculiar circumstances attending the exposition of the views of the Emperor of the French, as made in Parliament during the late session, seem to render it no more than a duty on the part of the Legislature this afternoon. He was accompanied to the Senate by President FILES and Speaker BULLOCK, when that body took a recess of 20 minutes, and the General received the congratulations of the members. He subsequently visited the House, where he was received with much enthusiasm, and was introduced by Speaker BULLOCK to the members.

Five—Five Persons Burned to Death.

BUFFALO, Tuesday, Jan. 19.

A shanty in the outskirts of the city was destroyed by fire last night, and five persons burned to death.

the part of the Queen's subjects, the claim has been that Great Britain is a country which is prepared by definite laws, and is not subject to military will. But later, as you are well aware, the Queen's subjects, in the United States, by independent organizations, have taken, with not slight assertion, the place of the constituted authorities. In the United States, as in Britain, a majority of the people have long been accustomed to judges of great legal ability, whose learning and impartiality have given weight and authority to their decisions in every part of the civilized world. But Her Majesty's Government feel confident that the President of the United States will feel concerned that a recent instance should occur of a decision of international law, said to be given by a careful translation of the laws of Her Majesty's realm, which has yielded to the heavy sound of popular prejudice, and pronounced the property of public enemies."

After further remarks on this subject, Lord RUSSELL concludes by saying:

"I have to add that instructions have been issued for preventing the departure of the iron-clads in question from Liverpool, until satisfactory evidence can be given as to their destination; or, at all events, until the inquiries which are now being prosecuted with a view to obtain such evidence, shall have been brought to a conclusion."

In the course of a long reply, Mr. ADAMS says:

"The history of the past two years has proved beyond the possibility of doubt, that the insurgents have steadily and persistently emerged transgressing the limit above laid down. They have built ships in the ports of this Kingdom with the intent to make war on the United States; they have equipped and armed these ships with the aid of British subjects; they have received them when completed into the service of British subjects; and without entering your Lordship's harbors, they have sailed on the high seas, commissioning depredations on the property of the people of the United States under protection of the British flag. In advance of this series of proceedings, I have been steadily engaged in making representations of the danger of the same to your Lordship, the correctness of which has been almost uniformly verified by the result."

DETENTION OF LAIRD'S RAMS.

Mr. SEWARD writes to Mr. ADAMS, Sept. 28, 1863:

"SIR: I take the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatch of the 9th of September, together with the correspondence which took place between the Earl RUSSELL and yourself on the occasion of the decision of Her Majesty's Government to prevent the departure of the iron-clad steamships which have been prepared at Liverpool to make war against the United States.

You are already aware of the considerations affecting the safety of our country which make this proceeding eminently gratifying. There are, however, other circumstances which ought not to be overlooked.

This Government has not been forgetful of the agency of disloyal citizens of the United States in inaugurating the hostile enterprise, and in instigating debates in Parliament and in the press, which have tended to embarrass the British Ministry, and aggravate the responsibility which has devolved upon them. The President, therefore, thinks that he apprehends in some degree the firmness and fidelity to just principles which the Cabinet of London has exercised. Nor can he for a moment doubt that a sincere desire to cultivate the friendship of the United States has had its proper influence in the determination at which the Cabinet has arrived. You will, therefore, specially inform Earl RUSSELL that the Government of the United States will hereafter hold itself obliged, with even more care than heretofore, to endeavor to conduct its intercourse with Great Britain in such a manner that the civil war in which we are unhappily engaged shall, when it comes to its end, leave to neither nation any permanent cause for disconcert.

[Seven hundred printed pages are devoted to the correspondence with Great Britain.]

FRANCE.

FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

The correspondence under this head dates as far back as Nov. 26, 1862. Like that with Great Britain, it is exceedingly interesting; but, owing to its length, a few points only can be presented in this condensation.

Minister DAYTON, in a letter to Mr. SEWARD, dated March 26, 1863, informed M. DRouyn de Lhuys in the same interview that you had written to me that I might give no credit to rumors of alienation between Mr. Mercier and our Government, and I mention him, therefore, the kind remarks made by you in the dispatch No. 209, in reference to the relations between France and the United States.

With all this he expressed his gratification, and said that M. Mercier has likewise informed him that the personal relations between you and himself were entirely kind. This explanation was the more necessary from the fact that the European journals have generally adhered upon the alleged coolness existing between you and his correspondence, for the purpose of its very and his correspondence, for the purpose of its very much weaker; they do in no sense by comparing and parading such trifling things. I can only thank you and express more satisfaction.

THE MEXICAN INTERVENTION REGARDED BY FRANCE.

BOSTON

Mr. Sargent (Paris, July 10, 1863) in writing to Mr. Seward, [illegible]

[illegible] to the letting out of the vessels in the British ports to run the blockade, and also protests against the building of Confederate ships, &c., in British waters. On this subject, Mr. SEWARD writes to Mr. ADAMS, Sept. 5, 1863:

"SIR: Your dispatch of Aug. 10 has been submitted to the President. * * * I have been well the most thoughtful consideration of the important questions concerning the importance of an early conference with Great Britain. Your representations respecting the importance of more effective measures for arresting the depredations of the pirates, should seem to suggest that I have recommended them for the earnest consideration of the Secretary of the Navy. At the same time, you will concur with me in stating the difficulties of enforcing, without resort to extreme measures of resistance, the most absolute which is threatened from the ports of Great Britain. The navy authorized that although the operations of the disloyal have been cured to the utmost by offensive preparations and maintaining the blockade, they rather have near, not been successfully have vessels that can be spared from the steps of Charleston, adequate to resist the formidable rams which, virtually, with the consent of the British Government, are within a few weeks to come forth against us from Laird's shipyard. The naval operations which the Lairds are preparing must therefore be expected to enter Portland, Boston, New-York, or, if they prefer, must attempt to break the blockade of Charleston, or ascend the Mississippi to New-Orleans. Can the British Government expect for a moment that such an assault, as it may anticipate, can be made upon us with British bolts, unannounced, unless without resort to measures proper to a state, and making a retaliatory war, inevitable? Whatever view may be taken of the furtherance of the insurrection in Europe, it is deemed clear in this country that the factious spirit which gave it birth is rapidly declining, and the general sentiment of nationality is developing itself every, with an energy never known before. The strength of the power of war has overcome the sense of every, while the temper is highly excited. It behooves the Government, if found supported, there are no limits to its ultimate ability of resistance. It has a Press and a Congress, as free as any of the Powers and, the Parliament of Great Britain. You have only to listen to the political debates in Congress, to be convinced that the United States would enter on a war with foreign powers, now with more unanimity and energetic promptness than at any former period. I write this with the earnestness of conviction and with all the powers which one may feel who believes that a foreign war must be only inferior, in the danger it threatens, to the domestic war, which so many differing from me regard as the very calamity of civil war between their country and the United States is unnecessary, and can have no result but to bring results in disaster to Great Britain. For the interests of both countries and of civilization, I hope we shall fall from their sands that will render peace impossible.

LETTERS OF MARQUE.

In a dispatch of Feb. 10, 1863, Mr. SEWARD informed Mr. ADAMS that, as to the bill conferring upon the President the power of granting letters of marque and reprisal, the Executive Government of the United States, in full of liberty to use it, he (Mr. SEWARD) in the Senate, he had little hesitation in saying to Earl RUSSELL that, if no extreme circumstances occur, there will be entire frankness on the part of the Government in communicating to him upon the subject, or for us to avoid any sudden or hasty measures, or for us to avoid any sudden or hasty measures, in which the interests of British subjects, and indirectly affected, it is shall be found [illegible] the United States.

INTERNATIONAL LAW—VIOLATIONS OF BRITISH [illegible]

In a letter to Lord RUSSELL to Mr. ADAMS, dated Nov. 11, 1863, the former says:

"It has been the aim of Her Government to guide [illegible] a strict neutrality between the two parties. For two years have carried on a civil war of unusual magnitude and loss of life on a large scale. Her Majesty's Government have, for the most part, [illegible] to the unexpected conflict. If they have been [illegible] in the part of the Queen's subjects, the claim has been that Great Britain is a country which is prepared by definite laws, and is not subject to military will. But later, as you are well aware, the Queen's subjects, in the United States, by independent organizations, have taken, with not slight assertion, the place of the constituted authorities. In the United States, as in Britain, a majority of the people have long been accustomed to judges of great legal ability, whose learning and imp

WARD,) says, referring to his interview with M. DROUYN DE LHUYS: "I then called his attention to the fact that the journals of our country were now largely commenting upon the position and purposes of the Emperor in reference to the acknowledgment of the Independence of the South, and that certain matters in connection with the conversation between the Emperor and Messrs. ROSEBUCK and LINDSAY, as reported by them, were calculated to induce a belief that the Emperor wished to acknowledge the South, and was held back by England only. I further stated that it had been reported from most reliable sources that before that had said that Emperor would MAKE some proposition to England to act with him in recognizing the South, and that he would not do it he would act alone. That these matters were calculated to lead to the belief that the United States toward the Imperial Government, and, if not true, it should be at once denied, for the interest of both countries that they be corrected. I furthermore asked him directly what was the policy of the Emperor in reference to the South. You will observe that in this I spoke of the subject matter without stating I had had any formal instructions from MY GOVERNMENT to interrogate France on these questions."

The answer of M. DROUYN DE LHUYS was in substance as follows:

He said that the Emperor had at no time made any proposition to England to acknowledge the South. That when Messrs. ROSEBUCK and LINDSAY came over they pressed him to do so. They said England was ready to acknowledge the South, and would do so if he would act with them. France would refuse to follow. That if he would not say the word, that proposition for acknowledgment then pending in the House of Commons would pass at once. He answered that he had given England no cause to suppose that he would not act with her in the case here stated, if he had certain to our affairs had been left to him by England and been rejected by her. They then urged that he would make the proposition for acknowledgment to England, which he declined to do. They then asked if they might communicate his answer. The answer to this was merely that his views on the subject were no secret, but M. DROUYN DE LHUYS says he never dreamed of their attempting to use them, as they afterward did, in the House of Commons. He furthermore said to them that he would be willing to act upon any important history under consideration between the United States of America, and more especially in the present crisis in our affairs. As to the question of Baron GROS, he would narrowly peruse the report to see if there was any thing in it to bind the Emperor. He began making his book of WAR on, at the time, promptly said, "Forget Gros." He never said any thing to me in unofficial, public or private, about assuming the views of the Baron on this question. He disclaimed the sentiment to Mr. HAY in the most positive and emphatic manner.

The Emperor then asked if I had any other of the Ministers to see to talk to the Cabinet. He said he would be waited on events. This you may remember, I very emphatically told you was in my judgment. I have so stated, until comes. Perhaps to your mind, I have so stated long enough. After some remarks and questions by M. DROUYN DE LHUYS, as to the relations of Virginia, he seemed fully to appreciate the importance of Union, especially of Virginia, he seemed fully to appreciate the importance of Union, especially of Virginia, he seemed fully to appreciate the importance of Union, especially

TUESDAY, Jan. 19—P. M.

The Brokers on the Stock Exchange, who are the largest borrowers at present, found a fair supply of Money to-day, at 7 per cent., but not equal to all comers, to their wants, owing to the constantly increasing speculation on the railway list. Where resort is had to the double negotiation of borrowing the new Legal-Tender 5 per cents, with accrued interest, the cost of Money is made from 10 to 12 per cent. As remarked yesterday, this difference is not regarded in the speculative movement of the Street which goes up as down 1@2, and not infrequently 3@5 per cent. per day. This movement appeared to take a fresh impetus to-day, led by Illinois Central Scrip, which rapidly advanced eight per cent. on the first sales after the dividend market of yesterday afternoon; thence, from 124 to 132 ex-dividend, equal to 136 against 129 last week with the dividend on. The sales in the extreme advance of the Second Board this afternoon were 1,000 shares, and after the breaking up of the Board, we heard of further sales at 133@132½ per cent. In other descriptions on the Railway list, there was a very strong sympathy with this particular Stock; the strongest in Cleveland and Pittsburgh, Michigan Central and Erie. The last named, which was heavily realized on yesterday morning at 100@100½ ex-dividend, and subsequently fell off to 107½ ⅌ cent., took a new start and went up at the Second Board to 108½ for the opening. Hudson and New-York Central were also higher, and among the high Western shares, such as Northwest, Fort Wayne, Ft. Chicago and Mississippi and Missouri, were quite buoyant. In Harlem, also, a large business was done, with violent fluctuations since yesterday morning, 70½ down to 68, and up to 80@80½ ⅌ cent. The Government Securities and Border State Stocks were steady. The Miscellaneous shares quiet, except Pacific Mail, which went up to 224@227 ⅌ cent.

At 4 o'clock the following prices were made in comparison with Monday night. The speculation in Gold closed about the same as yesterday. The recent advance is supported more by the short sales which were put on while the rise was going on, than by the export demand. These sales have made the cash deliveries difficult for a day or two. The inquiry for Gold to pay Customs continues good. The market for Gold fell off 108½@¼. Exchange for the Boston steamer, 173½ ⅌ cent. The Railway list generally closed firm.

	Mon.	Tues.		Mon.	Tues.
Gold Coin	128½	128¼	Mich. Central	124½	127½
U.S. 6s, cpn.	110	110	Mich. Southern	97	97½
N. Y. Central	108	108½	Illin. Cent. scrip	129	132½
Erie	106½	106	Illinois Cen.	123½	131½
Hudson	101	101½	Pittsburgh	115	115½
Reading	138½	138½	Ft. Wayne	100	100½
Pacific Mail	223	227	North Western	143½	144½
Pacific Tel.	97	98½	Galena	112½	114½
Canton	36	36	Reading	136½	136
Frem. Con.—new	67½	67½	Quicksilver	67	67½
Cumberland	34	34½	Old Colony	124	124½
Northwest	44½	45½	Harlem	68	80

PUBLIC BONDS—5½ P. M.

$20,000 Am. Gold	128½	100 Ill. Cen. Full Rd.	132
$2,000 do.	128½	100 do.	132
200 R. F. Cen. M.	82	100 do.	132
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100 Hud. Riv. R.	101	200 do.	116
100 do.	101	200 do. b 10 s w.	116
100 do.	101	200 Del. & H. R.	114½
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100 do.	101	200 do.	114½
100 do.	101	200 Ch. & R. I.	146½
100 Mich. Cen. S.	124	100 P., Ft. W. & C.	97
100 do.	124	100 do.	97
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The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20, 1864.

Amusements this Evening.

WALLACK'S—MARRIED LIFE.
WINTER GARDEN—THE TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN.
OLYMPIC THEATRE—MAZEPPA; OR, THE UNTAMED ROCKING HORSE.
NIBLO'S GARDEN—CONNIE SODGAR; OR, THE JOLLY PAGODAS.
PARK THEATRE—CHICKADEE—PIERRE FOR LOVE—KATE KEARNEY—TWO BUSSARDS.
ACADEMY OF MUSIC—TANNHAUSER.
NIBLO'S SALOON—GRAND CONCERT.
ST. NICHOLAS HALL—(No. 563 Broadway)—MIRROR OF THE REBELLION.
BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC—KING HENRY THE EIGHTH.
BARNUM'S MUSEUM—GREAT FRENCH GIANT—GIANT GIRL, GIANT BOY, TWO DWARFS, MOVING WAX FIGURES; THE FRENCH WONDERS; &c., &c. AS HERE—TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN—Afternoon and Evening.
BROADWAY ASSEMBLY-ROOMS—(No. 659 Broadway)—Spiritual Performances.
VAN AMBURGH & CO.'S MENAGERIE—(Nos. 539 and 541 Broadway)—MORAL, RESTHETIC AND REFINING CARAVAN.
HOPE CHAPEL—Spiritual Performances.
HOWE'S GREAT CIRCUS—(Nos. 199 and 201 Bowery.)

☞ Advertisements for the WEEKLY TIMES must be handed in before 10 o'clock this evening.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

The steamship *Morning Star*, from New-Orleans, Jan. 13, arrived at this port last evening. On the day of her departure a very important proclamation was issued by Gen. BANKS, calling for an election of officers for a State Government, to be held on the 22d of February, under the provisions of the Amnesty Proclamation. On the evening of the 5th, a very enthusiastic and characteristically attended meeting was held at the St. Charles Theatre, for the purpose of taking steps to organize a State Government. The weather at New-Orleans for a week had been unprecedentedly cold. No army movements are reported.

Gen. GRANT telegraphs from Nashville, on the 17th, that the rebel Gen. VANCE made a raid on Tazewell, Tenn., on the 14th, and captured twenty-three wagons. He was at once pursued by Col. PARKER, the wagons recaptured, together with one hundred stand of arms, one hundred and fifty prisoners, and Gen. VANCE and his staff themselves taken prisoners.

Gen. SHERMAN, in a dispatch dated at the headquarters of the Department of West Virginia, New-Creek, Jan. 13, says that a soldier of his command, who escaped from the 24 inst., by the [illegible] Tenn., in Knox county, and Alleghany Junction, [illegible] Virginia. He says that [illegible] 12 of the enemy were killed, and 20 wounded, and says that the rebel cavalry corps, in part, consisted of three companies of negro cavalry.

Lieut.-Gen. POLK, on assuming command of the rebel army in Mississippi, issued an order, dated at Meridian, Dec. 28, in which he recognizes the defects and discouragements the Confederacy cannot but sensibly feel of late, but seeks to stimulate his troops to fresh efforts by assuring them that there is still in the South ample material for a continued and successful prosecution of the war. He does everything in his power to refresh their hatred of the Northern troops, by repeating all the calumnies of the Southern press against them, and reminds them that in case of defeat the South has nothing to expect from the North but "universal confiscation of their property, absolute social degradation—or death." "The vigorous employment of our own resources," he closes by saying, "with entire harmony and an unflinching determination to be free, cannot, under God, but crown our efforts with triumphant success."

CONGRESS.

In the House, yesterday, Mr. SHERMAN reported the Naval Appropriation Bill. The House then took up the resolution explanatory of the Confiscation Act. Mr. BLISS, of Ohio, and Mr. DOWNES, of Massachusetts, each expressed their views on this subject. A conclusive vote was not reached, when the House, in Committee of the Whole, took up the Internal Revenue Bill. The portion under discussion was the tax on spirits. Mr. LOVEJOY favored a tax of $1 per gallon, and Mr. GRINNELL, of Iowa, favored a tax of $1 20 per gallon. Mr. WOOD and Mr. CHANLER, of New-York, and Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, opposed the amendments. Mr. MORRILL thought that the proposed tax would be prohibitory. Sixty cents was the utmost rate that could be taxed as a revenue measure. Without coming to any conclusion, the House adjourned.

In the Senate, Mr. WILKINSON introduced a bill to pay a bounty of $100 to all soldiers who enlisted prior to May 1, 1861; resolutions of thanks to Commodore RUNCKLE and Admiral DUPONT were introduced; Mr. SUMNER introduced a bill appropriating $40,000 in aliquot for the settlement of the Peruvian claims. The Senate then took up the resolution requiring Senators to take the oath of allegiance, when Senator BAYARD addressed the Senate in opposition thereto. He opposed it, he said, principally because it was unauthorized by the Constitution, and asserted there was no parallel for such a requirement in any English court or legislative body.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, yesterday, petitions were presented for aid to the Jews' Hospital, New-York; for aid to the Alfred University, and for the reduction of the milk freight on the Harlem Railroad. A variety of bills were noticed, among which one to incorporate the Atlantic Navigation Company, and another to incorporate the Union League Club of New-York. A bill was passed prohibiting enlistments in this State to go to the credit of other States. Resolutions were introduced and laid over calling upon Boards of Supervisors throughout the State to meet in special meeting and ascertain and report the amount of county, city, town and village indebtedness incurred for the war.

In the Assembly, a select committee, composed of Messrs. PINCKNEY, G. PARKER and BULLOCK, was appointed to inquire into the condition of the soldiers at Riker's Island. Among the matters noticed was a bill to amend the charter of the City of New-York; also, a bill prohibiting the use of dummy-engines on the Hudson River Railroad below Thirty-first street; also, a bill to amend the Metropolitan Police Act, by abolishing the Inspectors of Police.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Board of Aldermen had no quorum at their meeting yesterday, and adjourned to 4 P. M. on Friday.

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors yesterday, a communication from the Comptroller in answer to a resolution of inquiry, giving a statement of and claims allowed and settled by him, and showing the reductions made from the amounts claimed by this Board, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Riot Damage Claims. It appears by this statement that the Comptroller settled twenty-one claims for $9,444 50, which [illegible] and the Board had allowed the claimants $9,383 53—a saving of $1,059 33; that [illegible] of which 111 have been [illegible] and [illegible] are now [illegible].

Gen. SICKLES has issued a circular to the soldiers at Riker's Island, in which he says that "the Government has not forgotten you, and never will forget you while you do your duty as soldiers. Your pay, bounty and back pay will be promptly paid you, and your families will be provided for." He urges them to be patient, and promises that all work on their behalf pertaining to the rights of Delaware and Kansas should cease, but only that no armament and no livery should be had, yet our Consul at Bordeaux writes us that on examination a day or two since not a man was to be seen employed there. On the prior visit the vessels and the yard looked as if literally alive with men."

The following executive correspondence in the department, a copy of which was forwarded to Minister WATSON:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Nov. 10, 1863.

In consideration of certain representations and pursuant to the comity claimed to be due to friendly Powers, any tobacco in the United States, belonging to the Government either of France, Austria, or Great Britain, with which the country is at peace, and which tobacco was purchased and paid for by such Government prior to the 6th day of March, 1863, may be exported from any port of the United States, under and in accordance with the responsibility of naval officers of such Government, and in conformity to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State of the United States, and not otherwise. (Signed,) ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

SECRETARY SEWARD TO MAJOR-GEN. BANKS.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, Nov. 20, 1863.

GENERAL: I have received and have submitted to the President your three dispatches of the 6th, 7th and 8th respectively.

I have great pleasure in congratulating you upon your success in raising and organizing the force upon the Rio Grande, which is all the more gratifying because it was accomplished at a season of unusual difficulty and danger. I have already informed you that the anxiety arising from civil strife and foreign war in Mexico offers solicitations for military enterprise, I have therefore to inform you of the exact condition of our relations toward that Republic at the present time. We are on terms of amity and friendship, and maintaining diplomatic intercourse with the Juarez party, which we regard as that country or the theatre of a foreign war situated with civil strife. In this condition it seems to me prudent on the contrary to postpone choice of any course of action, or even interference. In command of the frontier, it will devolve on you, as it has already done, to see that no aid or comfort, in payment and of supplies be given from the United States to either belligerent. We will demand the United States in Texas against any measures you may encounter there, whether domestic or foreign, pertaining to war, you will, of course, any power of Mexico, or any party in it, and the elements of war, or the preparations for your own free security necessary in defense the Mexican border. You can assume no authority in Mexico to protect the citizens of the United States there, much less to redress the wrongs or injuries done by them against the United States or their citizens, whatever they may be, or to inquire into or to interfere with the laws or the rights of the people of Mexico. If Generals Red, their positions assumed on the Mexican side of the border, let them leave the country, rather than invade the territory of your Union. These directions result from the fixed determination of the President to avoid any departure from lawful neutrality in the present state of affairs. The President is aware of the present field of war; but, at the same time, you will be expected so to preserve military and patriotic prestige as they occur in Mexico, and to communicate all that shall be important to the Government. We are anxious concerning them. It is hardly more than a year and half since we were in the same relation to the government in the rebellion. The government will be constituted with that profound respect which is always paid to the spirited efforts you engage in making the communication. I have endeavored to avoid entering into the subject of your military operations, and to confine myself to the political relations which may come in contact with the political movements now going on in Mexico.

I am, General, your obedient servant,
WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Maj.-Gen. N. P. BANKS, Commanding the Department of the Gulf, Brownsville, Texas.

MR. SEWARD TO MR. GOSWIN—No. 84.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, Dec. 31, 1863.

SIR: Your dispatch of Oct. 20, No. 47, has been received and submitted to the President, and you will see from the proclamation of the 8th, which I inclose herewith, that the information contained in your dispatch of the 20th, respecting the present condition of Mexico, is really of an special character. I have no doubt, however, but that, in the absence of further instructions from this department, you will be expected to remain in the Mexican Capital, or in some place not far from the United States and Mexico, if for any cause your road thus to the City of Mexico shall become intolerable or certainly inconvenient, you will be at liberty to report to any other part of the country, or to return to the United States. In coming to a new and critical state of affairs, you will be expected to use your own discretion, and to rely on your own judgment. Thus the case to which you are accustomed.

I give you for your information a copy of an instruction that has been given to Maj.-Gen. BANKS since the occupation of Brownsville, Texas.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,
WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

THOMAS GOSWIN, Esq., &c.

The entire correspondence covers 1,200 pages. Some extracts in full notes have been omitted from the [illegible] and condensed in the above [illegible].

Supplies at the South.

There is no rule of evidence better settled than that what a man says against himself, his plans and his prospects, is more worthy of belief than what he says in his own favor. Now and then, it is true, a man may be met who takes too unfavorable a view of his own condition and prospects, but he is a rare bird. And when we find different stories told by men engaged in the same enterprise, we naturally give credit to that one which is most unfavorable.

We find a very marked instance of this difference in what the Richmond papers say about the supply of material which the rebels have on hand. The Richmond *Examiner* is quite jubilant on the subject. The "supplies of arms and munitions, and military material generally, have increased," it says. "The very heavy losses which were sustained in the disastrous campaign in Mississippi" have been promptly repaired. "In the manufacture of powder, balls, shells, &c., progress has been marked, and, with some addition in the supplies of nitre from foreign sources, it is understood there will be no want of adequate supplies of superior quality."

But the Richmond *Whig* talks in quite a different strain. The enormous losses of muskets and cannon by PEMBERTON, added to BRAGG's at Chattanooga and LEE's losses of muskets at Gettysburgh and in the retreat, must have left a bare sufficiency of both to supply present needs and to make good the annual wear and tear." It will be seen that the two witnesses differ widely. The *Examiner* rejoices over the prompt reparation of the losses in Mississippi, but does not allude to those which the *Whig* mentions in addition—the losses at Chattanooga and Gettysburgh. The testimony of the *Whig* is clearly the more reliable of the two.

So, too, with regard to ammunition, the *Whig* says:

"We know what has suffered at Gettysburgh for want of it. We know further, that whenever a battle begins, ordnance officers are sure to telegraph for more ammunition. We have never had a superabundance, and since the port of Charleston has been closed, Wilmington almost hermetically sealed, and the mire-holes of Tennessee have been wrested from us, it is not likely that we ever will have more than a full supply for the army on its present footing.

It may be said that we have a whole Winter before us in which to make guns, cannon and powder at leisure. So we had last Winter, with comparatively open ports through which to draw supplies from abroad. Yet Lee fell short in Pennsylvania, and Richmond was so bare that cartridges had to be taken from the boxes of a portion of the city troops to fill his own with."

But the *Examiner* thinks there will be "no want of adequate supplies." Yet here again the *Examiner* lets out a little matter which discredits its statement. It bases its hope, we find, upon "some addition in the supplies of nitre from foreign sources," which it speaks of quite indifferently, and as a matter of course. But the *Whig* comes in here with a reference to a difficulty in the "foreign sources," to which the *Examiner* did not allude, viz., that Charleston was closed and Wilmington almost "hermetically sealed." The *Whig* is clearly more reliable, and the *Examiner* is pretty clearly drawing upon its imagination for its facts.

The evidence, of which the above is but one item, of the desperate straits into which the rebels are brought, accumulates daily. But we hope that no man will allow himself on this account to slacken one endeavor, to diminish by a hair's breadth his watchfulness, or his determination. The pressure which is thus squeezing the life out of the rebellion must not be relaxed for an instant. It should rather be applied with more strenuous exertion, till its power is not only weakened but destroyed, till the rebel armies are not only short of provisions and ammunition and clothing, but scattered and broken up, till the company is more warm paper and their leaders become refugees and outcasts.

Let the London Times' correspondent at Richmond draw as dreadful a picture as he can of the intensity of the hostility of the Southern people to the old flag and the old Government, and their being converted by further defeat into hundreds of thousands of guerrillas, more wily, and fierce, and implacable than the American savage, he can scare no one on this side of the ocean. We know the Southern people better than that, and we have no fears but that when the contest is ended it will be abandoned, and the people will adapt themselves to their new circumstances easily, for they will be treated with magnanimity and liberality.

But if it should turn out otherwise, we have learned how to take care of the wily savage, and we shall know how to treat the guerrilla.

Reform of the City Government.

We are about to witness another attempt at Albany to mend the City Government, by transferring the election of the Aldermen to the City at large, and the management of the public works, including the street-cleaning, to a commission to be composed as the Croton Board is, or as the Police Commission is to be. How this scheme will work, if carried out, we have too much regard for our reputation to venture to predict, after having witnessed the failure of so many attempts to make New-York a well-ordered, well-managed place of abode. But appearances are certainly in favor of that portion of the new plan which gives all the citizens the privilege of voting for every Alderman. This will, in the first place, secure candidates who are generally known either for good or evil, and who have some claim to prominence or distinction. The great difficulty with which municipal voters have to contend under the present system is, that men present themselves without hesitation for the suffrages of a Ward, who would not have the hardihood to ask for the votes of the whole City, and who are generally so obscure that nobody except the regular politicians knows anything either of their character or of their antecedents. When the Aldermanic ticket has, however, to be put into everybody's hands, people will not be satisfied with merely Ward busybodies or celebrities, but will insist on having candidates—and will have those who are prominent New-Yorkers—well known to all the inhabitants, just as the Mayor has to be, either for honesty, and capacity and public spirit, or for the reverse. We venture to predict that under this regime the Board of Aldermen, at least, would undergo a great transformation—that the pot-house oracles would disappear from it, and men of more intelligence, better character and social position take their places; though we admit that all this might happen, and the "honorable Board" still remain a very extraordinary and by no means creditable assemblage. By enlarging the area from which any man or body of men is elected we always secure greater talent and higher character, and we believe the rule applies even to Aldermen. The provision of the new law which makes the Councilmen represent Assembly Districts, is, of course, a desirable change for the same reason, though in a less degree.

The objection made to the Commission of Public Works is, that it would control the City elections; and so it would, if it was able to influence all its employés to vote in the one direction; but if its members were drawn in equal numbers from the two great parties, it would be very unlikely that they would combine any plan of electioneering; and it is, we need hardly say, highly desirable that the power of voting the money, and the power of deciding what it shall be spent upon, should be lodged in different Boards. The experiment is, at all events, worth trying, for it is not possible that it could result in more corruption and swindling than the present system, and it might result in less.

One of the objections made by a Democratic organ to all change or modification of our municipal system on the part of the Legislature is, that what we want is "more local self-government." Self-government, however, is, we believe, like all other government, not an end, but a means. New-York does not insist that it may be governed in a particular way, or by any particular set of people. The problem to be solved is to govern it in some way that will secure health, comfort and prosperity. If "self-government," whatever it may mean, attains this end better than any other kind, we are for self-government. If pugilists, publicans, butchers, ignoramuses of all kinds and calibre, are the best rulers for a great commercial capital, by all means let us have them; but if not, not. We want *good* government, come whence it may. If Albany supplies it, we shall be only too thankful, either by board, or commission, or bureau, or one-man power, or two-men power. We are not particular as to the machinery. We want light taxes, or else an economical, careful and honest expenditure of heavy taxes; a good police, clean streets, and the liberty of finding fault as much as we please; and we have most of us gone through too much by this time to be very solicitous as to the precise form of the organization by which these blessings are conferred on us. All we know is, that while we had pure self-government, we were the worst governed community in Christendom, and only stopped governing ourselves when we found the criminal population getting enrolled *en masse* in the Police force.

EMIGRATION FROM THE SOUTH.—Among the troubles which seem just now to be perplexing the Southern rebels, that of keeping their able-bodied citizens from running away seems to be conspicuous. Gov. SHARPE, the newly inaugurated Governor of Virginia, thinks it a matter of "concern" to see their citizens seeking to evade military duty, by leaving the country for foreign parts, and he suggests the propriety of refusing passports and of making very stringent laws on the subject. The Confederate authorities will, doubtless, take good care not to go too far in legislating on this subject. They may themselves have occasion to go abroad before long, and may have conscientious scruples about violating the laws of the land even to accomplish the highly important result of saving their own necks. Some action on the subject, however, is fast becoming imperatively necessary.

A SECESSIONIST UNHORSED.—Gen. GARNETT is doing the cause of the Union good service. Having been one of the prominent Secessionists of Arkansas, from the very outset of the rebellious movement, he is abundantly qualified to speak of the motives and expectations which lay at the bottom of it; and having held a high military command in the rebel army, he understands thoroughly the spirit of the troops and the sentiments of the people in the rebel States.

He has been at Harrisburgh lately and made a speech which contained a good many things of decided interest and importance. He said he had always been a Democrat and at the last election voted for BRECKINRIDGE. "The South," he said, "expected aid from the Democrats in the North, but were disappointed. You Democrats talked too much, but did not fulfill your promises; you were too much afraid of your precious lives to rally for the South as you promised us." This was the first disappointment of the Southern Secessionists. The next was in the failure of the Emperor of the French to come to their assistance. "BUONAPARTE," said Gen. GARNETT, "was really expected to act with the South." But they soon found out that he had no intention to assume any of the risks of the contest, though he was quite willing to profit by what he had at the outset no doubt would be its result.

Gen. GARNETT has the most perfect confidence in the readiness of the great mass of the people in the rebel States to return to the Union, as soon as the overthrow of the military power will enable them to do so. And he denounces, in the most emphatic terms, those at the North who are constantly throwing obstacles in the way of achieving this result. He avows himself a thorough supporter of the Government in all its measures, and predicts the speedy return of the Southern States without Slavery to the Union.

WHAT CAME OF A RIOT IN LABOR.—A domestic insurrection on a very small scale seems to have broken out in Richmond. The irrepressible FOOTE, formerly of Mississippi, now of Tennessee, who was always in a row of some sort while at Washington, and who does not seem to have changed his habits one whit in this respect by going to Richmond, had a rough and tumble fight on the 6th with Judge HARLEY, of Arkansas, Chairman of a committee engaged in the investigation of frauds. It seems that FOOTE *laughed* at some of the evidence elicited. Now, laughing may be of different kinds, and may mean very different things; and nothing is more likely to be misconstrued. Judge HARLEY did not know exactly what to think of this particular laugh of FOOTE,—but he took the liberty of remarking to him that he *needn't* laugh. FOOTE did not seem obliged to him for the permission, but contented himself by defining his laugh as an "*honest* laugh at least." Judge HARLEY did not quite understand what he meant by that, but he ventured to say that he "doubted it." Thus arose a *casus belli*—using the word in a military and not in an anatomical sense. FOOTE "arose and struck" Judge HARLEY—to use the graphic phrase of the *Examiner*. "Both clenched and blows were given and received by both parties." Violent claims were mutually laid to the contending shirt-bosoms: tables were overturned: the recorded evidence was scattered, and one of the Commissioners present was knocked into a corner "like a man of rags"—says the historian, "which he is not." The bystanders observed strict neutrality by seizing the coat-tails of the combatants with rigid impartiality. Both were torn off, and in this bobtailed condition the contest closed. It seems not at all unlikely that the Confederacy itself will ere long present the same appearance and come to a similar end.

THE JAPAN MUDDLE.—Our letter from Japan gives a clear account of the situation of affairs up to the first of November last. The order for the expulsion of foreigners had been modified to a request to have them remove to Nagasaki and Hakodadi, places at the extremes of the Empire. This request was made at a private audience granted the American and Dutch Ministers at the Capital, Yeddo, and these functionaries at once replied that they should not comply with the request. When the other foreign representatives heard of the demand, they expressed a like decision, and when sent for to come to Yeddo, knowing what the authorities wanted, they declined to go. In the meantime, other efforts are making to drive foreigners from the country. Such restrictions are being placed on the production of, and traffic in tea and silk, that the native merchants are relinquishing the business and removing to Yeddo. The Government says if foreigners do not remove, civil war will certainly ensue, and some of the Princes seem to be seceding and confiscating at will. One of them had seized three Government steamers, while passing through his waters, as indemnity for the loss of those by the U. S. frigate *Wyoming*, last Summer, on the ground that the Government, not he, should be the loser. The settlement of matters in that benighted country does not look like one of the speedy events of the future.

Amusements.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—WAGNER'S great controversial opera of the "Tannhauser" will be repeated here for the second time to-night. All the artists are engaged in the performance, and the chorus is reinforced by the "Arion" Society. Mr. BERGMANN conducts.

Court of Appeals.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Jan. 19.

The following is the Calendar of the Court of Appeals for Wednesday, Jan. 20: Nos. 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70,

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PROPOSALS.

Assistant Commissary-General of Subsistence,
No. 1 Pine-st., New-York, Jan. 14, 1864.

SEALED PROPOSALS (IN DUPLICATE) will be received at the undersigned until 4 o'clock, P. M., on WEDNESDAY, the 20th inst., for supplying, for the use of the United States Army, SUBSISTENCE STORES, to be delivered in New-York or Brooklyn, as follows:

[illegible] NEW MESS or EXTRA MESS BEEF, in full-pressed oak barrels, with two iron hoops; bidders will state the brands, and will exhibit samples when practicable.

[illegible] Beef to be in quarters of great forequarter, made as follows: To be delivered by the undersigned, [illegible]

[illegible] barrels of first quality pickled BEEF TONGUES [illegible] in full-pressed oak barrels, with two iron hoops.

[illegible] pounds first quality THOROUGHLY-SMOKED NEW BACON SIDES.

[illegible] pounds of first quality THOROUGHLY-SMOKED NEW BACON SHOULDERS.

[illegible] pounds of first quality thoroughly-cured SMOKED HAMS. Proposers will state whether they have had experience of dry-salted, also their average weights.

[illegible] pounds first quality canvased sugar-cured SMOKED HAMS.

The hams will be paid for by their net weight, excluding paper-wrappers and bagging.

The bacon and hams to be delivered in bulk for inspection and packing at such points in the City of New-York as may be designated.

10,000 barrels of first quality extra superfine South-ern flour, with other brands of FLOUR, suitable for the Army, with the name of the brands and place of manufacture to be stated in the bids, and whether in round or flat-hoop barrels. The barrels to be in good shipping order, full head-lined and hoop-painted.

[illegible] barrels of first quality kiln-dried CORN MEAL, [illegible] to be manufactured from white flint corn.

1,000 bushels prime NEW WHITE BEANS, 60 pounds to the bushel, well screened and dry—to be packed in good, bright, well-coopered flour barrels, to be full head-lined.

[illegible] pounds of RICE, in clean, good, fresh oak barrels, like sample to be seen at this office.

[illegible] pounds of coffee, of the quality which the state HOSPITAL [illegible] No. 2 and 4, in well-coopered head-lined flour barrels.

[illegible] pounds carefully selected TEA, in original packages, [illegible] Green, [illegible] Souchong, [illegible] Oolong; packages to be well coopered and in perfect order. Cargo and class marks to be stated on the proposals. Each sample must be marked in full with the name of the party offering, the cargo from which such sample was drawn, and quantity offered.

Bidders are requested to offer not more than two varieties of each kind of Tea.

[illegible] pounds of clean, dry BROWN SUGAR; barrels to be new and of the best in use for the purpose, [illegible]

[illegible] pounds of GRANULATED SUGAR. Barrels as above.

[illegible] GALLONS of the best quality of PURE VINEGAR, made only from Cider or Whisky, free from all foreign acids and injurious substances, and of a uniform strength, the Whisky Vinegar taking thirty-three grains of pure potash to neutralize one ounce, and the Cider Vinegar taking half as much; the latter may be; to be put up in barrels, or in half barrels of 32 gallons capacity, like samples at this office. Each proposal must state distinctly the kind and quality of vinegar offered and the kind of package.

[illegible] pounds best quality of ADAMANTINE CANDLES, in 16 sections to the pound, each half dozen, like samples, or twelve.

[illegible] pounds good hard SOAP, to be made by [illegible] free from alkali, free from oily or other glue, or other adulteration, to have no unpleasant odor, to contain not more than twenty-five percent of moisture, and to be well dried before being delivered.

[illegible] pounds Turk's Island SALT, in sacks.

[illegible] pounds PEPPER (Black). Bidders will please state the variety of pepper, as Sumatra, Singapore, Penang, &c., the packing country, and also state the place of growth of which they will have it ground, put up in barrels or boxes, and marked in large conspicuous characters on outside.

[illegible] gallons good MOLASSES or SYRUP, in barrels, like sample, half-coopered with pine hoops, and to be full head-lined.

[illegible] pounds fresh quality DRIED APPLES, in barrels.

All the above articles to be delivered in three equal installments on the 1st, 15th, and 30th of February, 1864, [illegible] to deliver on those dates can state when they can make their delivery.

[illegible] pounds, quantities as may be required during the month, to be made to the bakers in the City of New-York.

Separate proposals, in duplicate, must be made for each article enumerated, and bidders may propose for the whole or any part of each.

Samples of all the articles, except the molasses, must be delivered with the proposals, and be marked to correspond with the proposals, and those of Flour, Corn Meal, Rice, Tea, Sugar, Salt, Pepper, and Vinegar, upon which bids are made, must be in good barrels or cases, and be marked on the outside.

A guaranty of the responsible character of the above proposal, and the signature of the proposer, must be attached to each proposal, and the signature must be opposite to the name of the party with all his surnames. Such bid, to have the signature, in addition thereto, written guaranty of two responsible persons, in the following form:

"We, the undersigned, hereby guaranty that should all or any part of the above bid be accepted, it shall be duly filled and delivered in the proper form and conditions, and that the contract shall be entered into by the person bidding, if required to do so, and that we will, in case of default, make the amount of any loss sustained by such default, or of any excess of expense over the price at which the contract may be given to other parties, to be made good to the United States, and we hereby waive the right of demand, protest, and notice in this case. We also guarantee that the said bidder is, in our opinion, worth the sum for which we become bound, over all his debts and liabilities, and that he is a person of good moral character and business habits."

[illegible]

Bids will be opened at 4 o'clock, P. M., on the day of the opening of the bids, in the presence of the bidders or their representatives, who may be present.

Bids for Proposals will be furnished at this office, which must be addressed "Proposals for Subsistence Stores," and indorsed "Proposals for Subsistence Stores."

L. B. KATON,
Colonel and A. C. S. U.

PROPOSALS FOR ICE.

Medical Purveyor's Office,
WASHINGTON, D. C., January, 1864.

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of January, inst., at 12 M., for furnishing, the months within the following Departments, until the 1st day of January, 1865, with a supply of pure ICE, viz.:

Department of the East, Headquarters at New-York.
Department of the Susquehanna, Headquarters at Philadelphia.
Middle Department, Headquarters at Baltimore.
Department of Western Virginia, Headquarters at Cumberland.
Department of Washington, Headquarters at Washington.
Department of St. Mary's, Headquarters at Point Lookout.
Department of Virginia and North Carolina, Headquarters at Fort Monroe.
Department of the South, Headquarters at Hilton Head.

Army General Hospitals as may be established upon the same coast.

Proposals will be made according to the following form:

PROPOSALS FOR ICE.
(ADDRESSED AND DATED.)

The undersigned, proposes to furnish daily, or otherwise as determined by the Medical Director, a good quality of ice to such hospitals in the Department of [illegible] and in such quantities as the Medical Director of this Department may order, at the following price per hundred pounds, namely:

The ice to be subject to the approval of the Surgeon in charge of the hospital who will receive for the current amount delivered.

Payment to be made on duplicate bills, certified to by the Medical Director of this Department.

As a guaranty of the faithful performance of the above agreement, signature and proposal, and forwarded in not, will enter into bonds, in the sum of $[illegible], [illegible] and in the enclosed form of guaranty the names of guarantors, certified by the Clerk of the nearest District Court, or the United States District Attorney.

FORM OF GUARANTY.

We, ——, of the ——, and State of ——, and ——, of the county of ——, and State of ——, do hereby guarantee that ——, is able to fulfill the contract in accordance with the terms of his proposal, and that should his proposition be accepted he will enter into the contract in accordance with the terms of said proposition, and we are prepared to become his securities.

[illegible]

Certificate of the Clerk of ——, District Court, or United States District Attorney.

Bidders must conform strictly to the above form of proposal, with full of allegiance to the United States Government, [illegible]

[illegible] will be present in person when the Proposals are opened.

[illegible] will be awarded to the lowest responsible party or parties, who will be duly notified, by mail or otherwise, that their bid is accepted, and they will immediately proceed to enter into contract, under bonds to the amount of $[illegible]. Bonds to be properly certified to.

The Post-office address of the parties proposing must be distinctly written upon the Proposal.

Proposals will be addressed to HENRY JOHNSON, [illegible] U. S. A., and Acting Medical Purveyor, Washington, D. C., and marked, "Proposal for Ice."

The Medical Purveyor reserves to himself the right to reject any or all bids deemed unreasonable.

H. S. K. S. A., and Acting Medical Purveyor.

N. B.—Printed forms of above Proposals can be had by application to this office.

Information as to the location, capacity and about the amount of ice required by the Hospitals will be given by application to the Medical Director of each of these Hospitals.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the undersigned officers at the Ninth Ward, at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm sts., until Monday, the 25th day of January, 1864, at 12 M., for furnishing and delivering the following articles and performing the following work, namely, furnishing the chandeliers, gas-fixtures, to be built on the four lots of ground known as Nos. 100, 102, 104, and 106 West 37th-st., in said City, [illegible] Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Schools of Buildings, No. 24 Street, or Proposals may be had on application at the office of the undersigned, and be accompanied by a guaranty, signed by two responsible persons, and be addressed to the undersigned, at the place of meeting, "Proposals for Chandeliers and Gas-fixtures for Schools," and be accompanied with a sample of the articles intended to be furnished, otherwise they will be rejected. Two responsible and approved sureties will be required, which will be considered in which the securities are to be approved by the Board of Education, and the right is reserved by the undersigned to reject any or all bids.

JOHN D. LAMATER,
JAMES MOORE,
JAMES DENNIS, } Building Committee.

New-York, Jan. 18, 1864.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR FORAGE.

Chief Quartermaster's Office,
Washington Depot, Dec. 26, 1863.

SEALED PROPOSALS are invited by the undersigned for supplying the United States Quartermaster's Department at Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., Alexandria, Va., Harper's Ferry, Va., or either of these places, with Hay, Oats, Oats and Hay, or Corn.

Bids will be received for the delivery of 1,000 bushels of corn, or oats, and 50 tons of hay or straw, and upward.

Bidders must state at which of the above-named places they propose to make delivery, and the price at which they will make delivery thereof, the quantity of each article proposed to be delivered, the time when and the places shall be commenced, and when to be completed.

The price must be written out in words in the bids.

Corn to be put up in good stout sacks, of about two bushels each. Oats in like sacks, of about three bushels each. The sacks to be furnished without extra charge to the Government. The hay and straw to be securely baled.

The particular kind or description of oats, corn, hay or straw, proposed to be delivered must be stated in the proposal; all the articles offered under the bids herein invited, will be subject to a rigid inspection by the Government Inspector before being accepted.

Contracts will be awarded from time to time to the lowest responsible bidder, as the interest of the Government may require, and payment will be made when the whole amount contracted for shall have been delivered and accepted.

The bidder will be required to accompany his proposal with a guarantee, signed by two responsible persons, that in case his bid is accepted, he or they will within ten days after the time he receives the contract for the same, with good and sufficient sureties, in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, to deliver the forage proposed to be furnished, in conformity to the terms of advertisement, and in case the said bidder should fail to enter into the contract, they will make good the difference between the offer of said bidder and the next lowest responsible bidder, or the person to whom the contract may be awarded.

The responsibility of the guarantors must be shown by the official certificate of a United States District Attorney, Collector of Customs, or any other officer under the United States Government, or responsible person known at this office.

All bidders will be duly notified of the acceptance or rejection of their proposals.

The full post-office address of each bidder must be legibly written in the proposal.

Proposals must be addressed to Brigadier-General R. H. Rucker, Chief Depot Quartermaster, Washington, D. C., and should be plainly marked "Proposals for Forage."

Bids must be accompanied by the amount of the guarantee, signed by 1 to contractor and both of his guarantors, with the name of the obligee, bidder or bidders upon proposing the same.

Blank forms of bids, guarantee, and bonds, may be obtained upon application at this office.

FORM OF PROPOSAL.

(Town, County, and State.) ——— (Date.)

I, the subscriber, do hereby propose to furnish, and deliver to the United States, at the Quartermaster's Department, at ——, the following articles, namely:

——— bushels of Corn, in sacks, at ——— per bushel of 56 pounds.

——— bushels of Oats, in sacks, at ——— per bushel of 32 pounds.

——— tons of baled Hay, at ——— per ton of 2,000 pounds.

——— tons of baled Straw, at ——— per ton of 2,000 pounds.

Delivery to be commenced on or before the ——— day of ———, and to be completed on or before the ——— day of ———, 186—, and pledge myself to enter into a written contract with the United States, with good and approved sureties, within the space of ten days after being notified that my bid has been accepted.

Your obedient servant.

Brigadier-General D. H. Rucker,
Chief Depot Quartermaster,
Washington, D. C.

GUARANTY.

We, the undersigned, residents of ——, in the County of ——, and State of ——, severally, jointly and severally, covenant with the United States, and guarantee in case the foregoing bid of ——, be accepted, that he or they will, within ten days after the receipt of said bid, execute the contract for the same with good and sufficient sureties, in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, to furnish the forage proposed in conformity to the terms of advertisement dated Dec. 5, 1863, under which the bid was made, and, in case the said ——— shall fail to enter into a contract or otherwise, we guarantee to make good the difference between the offer of the said ——— and the next lowest responsible bidder, or the person to whom the contract may be awarded to.

Witness, { Given under our hands and seals this ——— day of ———, 186—.

(Seal.)

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above-named guarantors are good and sufficient as sureties for the amount for which they offer to be security.

To be certified by the United States District Attorney, Collector of Customs, or any other officer under the United States Government, or responsible person known to this office.

All proposals received after the advertisement will be opened and passed on the following Wednesday and Saturday of each week, at 11 M. Bidders are respectfully invited to be present, at the opening of bids if they desire.

D. H. RUCKER,
Brigadier-General and Quartermaster.

Army Clothing and Equipage Office,
Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 15, 1864.

PROPOSALS ARE INVITED BY THE undersigned, until MONDAY, Jan. 25, 1864, for furnishing this Department with:

Sabres—Army Standard.
Cavalry Jackets.
Uniform Coat—U. S. A. Standard.
Uniform Cloth—U. S. A. Standard.

To be delivered, free of charge, at the United States Inspection Warehouse in this city, in good new packages, with the name of the party furnishing, the kind and quantity of goods distinctly marked thereon.

Parties offering goods must in all cases furnish samples, marked and numbered to correspond with their proposal, and distinctly state in their bids the quantity of goods they propose to furnish, the price and the time of delivery.

Bids will be opened on Monday, Jan. 25, 1864, at 1 o'clock P. M., at this office, and bidders are invited to be present.

Awards will be made on Tuesday, the 27th, when bidders, or duly authorized agents, are expected to be prepared to give security that the goods will be furnished in an award is made.

The right to reject any bid deemed unreasonable is reserved.

By order of Col. Thomas Swobe, A. Q. M. G.

C. W. MOULTON,
Captain and A. Q. M.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the premises Nos. 99 and 101 West 18th-st., in the City of New-York, were set on fire on the morning of the 7th day of January, inst., and there is every reason to believe that the same was caused by some evil-disposed person or persons; Now, I, C. Godfrey Gunther, Mayor of the City of New-York, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the ordinances of said City, do hereby offer a reward of two hundred and fifty dollars for the detection and conviction of the said incendiary or incendiaries who fired the said premises, to be paid on the certificate of the District Attorney of the Judge before whom the said person or persons were convicted of the said crime, that in his opinion the evidence of the person applying for said reward was conclusive in the said conviction; but all claims for said reward, not presented to the Mayor within twenty days after said conviction will be disregarded.

C. GODFREY GUNTHER, Mayor.

VOLUNTEER MEDICAL STAFF.

Boards for the examination of candidates for the position of Assistant Surgeon of Volunteers are in session in New-York, Washington and Cincinnati.

Applicants for appointment should address them, stating where they are prepared to report for examination.

Surgeons of the Volunteer Staff are promoted from the grade of Assistant Surgeons, and are selected for merit only.

JOSEPH R. BARNES,
Acting-Surgeon-General.

Surgeon-General's Office,
Washington, D. C., Jan. 8, 1864.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, to the owners or owners, occupants or occupants of all Houses and Lots, Improved or unimproved Lands, affected thereby, that the following Assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

For paving Ninth-house-street, from Washington to West streets, with trap-block pavement.

For paving Beaver-street, from Broadway to Pearl-street, with trap-block pavement.

For paving Fourth-avenue, from Third to Fourth avenues, with trap-block pavement.

For building a sewer in Twenty-fifth-street, from Eleventh-avenue to Hudson River.

The limits embraced by such assessment, instead of the several districts assessed, are as follows: Both sides of Ninth-avenue and the east side of Tenth-avenue, and upon Lexington avenue to the extent of half the block north and South of Fifty-second-street.

Also, all the lots on both sides of Twenty-fifth-street, from Ninth-avenue to the Hudson River.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections, in writing, to one of the undersigned, at their office, No. 20 Chambers-st., Second-story-front, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

CHAS. McNEILL,
JACOB F. OAKLEY, } Board of Assessors.
WM. A. DOOLEY,

Common Council of Assessors,
New-York, Jan. 20, 1864.

THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS OF the Board of Aldermen will meet in the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen on THURSDAY, the 22d inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., to consider the subject of the improvement of the pavement in Broadway. All parties having plans will please hand them to the Committee, and all interested are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

CHARLES J. CRIPPS,
JOHN BARDY,
JOHN FOX, } Committee on Streets.

B. W. TAYLOR, Secretary.

PRINTING.

CHEAPEST PRINTER IN THE WORLD. BUSINESS CARDS, INCLUDING CARDS, $1 per 100; Billheads, $2 per 1,000. Circulars in large quantities, [illegible] per 1,000. ALL KINDS OF BOOK, JOB AND NEWSPAPER PRINTING executed at the LIBERTY PRESS, [illegible] Nassau-st., in the rear.

SHIPPING.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.
AND BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.

PERSIA leaves New-York Wednesday, Jan. 13.
ARIA leaves New-York Wednesday, Jan. 20.
SCOTIA leaves New-York Wednesday, Jan. 27.
CANADA leaves New-York Wednesday, Feb. 3.
AMERICA leaves New-York Wednesday, Feb. 10.
ASIA leaves Boston Wednesday, Feb. 17.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage ..... $[illegible]
Second Cabin Passage ..... [illegible]

FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage ..... $[illegible]
Second Cabin Passage ..... [illegible]

Berths not secured until paid for.

An experienced Surgeon on board.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for Specie or Valuables unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.

For freight or passage apply to

E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

NATIONAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

The undersigned will dispatch one of the undermentioned or other first-class full-powered British built steamers from

NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL,
calling at Queenstown to land passengers and mails.

TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

Ships.	Tons.	Commanders.	To sail.
LOUISIANA	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
VIRGINIA	1,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
PENNSYLVANIA	1,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

These Steamships are all built under the supervision of the Chief Surveyor to the Liverpool Underwriters' Society of Iron Ships, they have extra water-tight compartments, and classed first-class for 8 years.

They are fitted up for first, second, and third-class passengers, which are charged at the following rates:

First Cabin ..... { $[illegible] } Payable in Currency.
Steerage ..... { $[illegible] }

Dietary and accommodation unsurpassed by any other line of steamers.

For further particulars, apply to

WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 71 Wall-st.

STEAM WEEKLY TO LIVERPOOL.—Touching at QUEENSTOWN (CORK HARBOR). The well-known Steamers of the Liverpool, New-York and Philadelphia Steamship Company are intended to sail as follows:

CITY OF LONDON ..... Saturday ..... Jan. 23
ETNA ..... Saturday ..... Jan. 30
CITY OF NEW-YORK ..... Saturday ..... Feb. 6

and every succeeding Saturday, at Noon, from Pier No. 44, North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

Payable in Gold, or its equivalent in Currency.

First Cabin ..... $80 to $100 | Steerage ..... $30 to $35
First Cabin to London ..... $[illegible] | Steerage to London ..... $[illegible]
First Cabin to Paris ..... $[illegible] | Steerage to Paris ..... $[illegible]
First Cabin to Hamburg ..... $[illegible] | Steerage to Hamburg ..... $[illegible]

Passengers can also be booked at the above rates for Havre, Bremen, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at equally low rates.

Excursion tickets, Liverpool or Queenstown, First-Cabin, $[illegible], $[illegible]; Steerage, $[illegible]. Children, who wish to meet the their friends can buy tickets here at these rates.

For further information, apply at the Company's Offices.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent, No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

FOR HAVANA AND NEW-ORLEANS.

The New-York Mail Steamship Company's U. S. Mail side-wheel steamship

MORNING STAR,
J. M. Commander, Commander,

SATURDAY, Jan. 23, at 4 P. M.

from Pier No. 42 North River, third pier above foot of Canal-st., New-York.

To be followed by the

MORNING STAR ..... Saturday, Feb. 6.
EVENING STAR ..... Saturday, March 5.
MORNING STAR ..... Saturday, March 19.
EVENING STAR ..... Saturday, April 2.

And every alternate Saturday thereafter, at 3 P. M.

For freight or passage apply to

JAMES E. TAYLOR, No. 351 Broadway.

FOR CALIFORNIA
M. O. ROBERTS' LINE
TO
SAN FRANCISCO AND OREGON,
Via Panama Railroad.

The steamship

ILLINOIS,

On WEDNESDAY, Feb. 3, at noon.

The finest, fastest and strongest steamship in the California trade, will sail as above, from pier foot of Warren-st., North River.

For freight or passage apply to D. N. CARRINGTON, cor. of Warren and West-sts.

FOR HAVANA, VIA NASSAU, N. P.—The British and North American Royal Mail Steamship Company's steamship CORNICA, Capt. LE Marquand, will sail for the above ports, from the Company's Wharf, at Jersey City, on

MONDAY, 1st of February,
MONDAY, 29th of February.

Passage money to Havana $60
Passage money to Nassau $35

Specie is gold or its equivalent.

No freight received on day before sailing.

For freight or passage apply to

E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.—THE UNITED States mail steamship OREOLE, Jesse Sparrow, Commander, will leave Pier No. 12, North River, for New-Orleans direct on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27, 1864, at 3 o'clock P. M., punctually. No freight received or bills of lading signed on the day of sailing. For freight or passage apply to

LUDLAM, HEBBARD & CO., No. 115 Broadway.

NOTICE.—CONSIGNEES OF CARGO PER SHIP CAPE COD are hereby notified that the above named ship will commence discharging under 7 General Order, at Pier No. 36, East River, TOMORROW, 21st inst. All goods not permitted must be sent to the Public Store. JAMES T. TAPSCOTT.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT OFFICE.—Passports from the Department of State furnished by A. C. WILLEMIN, U. S. Court Buildings, No. 41 Chambers-st., third story.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU, No. 102 Broadway. Passports issued through J. H. MONES.

RAILROADS.

ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.
NEW BROAD GAUGE ROUTE.

Passenger trains leave New-York via the Erie Railway, from foot of Chambers-st., running through to Cleveland, Ohio, without change of cars, connecting with railroads for all principal cities in the West.

The accommodation in the second-class cars will be in complete accordance with the Gallery Trains, Day Express, Cincinnati and St. Louis, without break of gauge.

R. P. SWEITZER, General Superintendent.

T. B. GOODRAN, General Ticket Agent, Meadville, Pa.

NEW-YORK & FLUSHING RAILROAD.—Leave New-York, at James-slip Ferry and 34th-st. Ferry, at 6, 7, 9, 11, 2, 4, 5 and 7½ P. M.

Leave Flushing at 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 A. M., 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7½ P. M.

N. B.—ON TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, a special night train leaves Flushing at 11 P. M., and from 34th-st. Ferry at 12 P. M.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD—FOR ALBANY, TROY, THE NORTH AND WEST.—Trains leave

Foot of Chambers-st. ..... Foot of Thirty-fourth-st.
Express, 7 and 10 A. M., and 7:30, 10:30 A. M. and 3:30 and 5 P. M. ..... 5:30 P. M.
Troy and Albany, with 11:00 P. M. ..... 11:00 P. M.

A sleeping car will be attached to the night train.

On SUNDAY, at 5:30 P. M., from 30th-st.

Tickets may be procured at any of the offices of Westcott's Express, in New-York and Brooklyn, and baggage checked at the house to all points on the road, and to Saratoga Springs.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD—WINTER ARRANGEMENT, commencing Nov. 12, 1863.—Leave Brooklyn and Long Island City, at 9 A. M., and on MONDAYS and SATURDAYS at 2 P. M. Also, for Greenport, Sag Harbor, Hampton, Bay, Sayville and all stations. For Islip, at 7 A. M., and 4 P. M. For Syosset, at 9 A. M., 11 A. M. and 4 P. M. For Jamaica and Hempstead, at 9 and 11 A. M., 4 and 6 P. M. For Jamaica only, at 7 A. M. Leave Islip for Brooklyn, at 9:15 A. M., from 34th-st., stopping at all stations.

Note, on this train an extra car will be attached for Greenport, on Sundays, at 8:45 P. M., stopping at all stations. A. MEAGHER, Superintendent.

ERIE RAILWAY.—PASSENGER TRAINS leave foot of Chambers-st.

7 A. M.—Express for Buffalo.
8:30 A. M.—Mail, daily, for Otterville.
10 A. M.—Accommodation for intermediate stations.
4:15 P. M.—Way for Port Jervis and Newburgh.
5 P. M.—Mail, express, daily, for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Detroit, and Chicago. The train of Saturday runs through to Chicago, but does not run to Dunkirk.

CHAS. MINOT, General Superintendent.

RARITAN AND DELAWARE BAY RAILROAD.—The steamboat E. EVERY EVERSON (except Sundays) at 7 o'clock, connecting at Port Monmouth with trains for Atlantic-st., Red Bank, Long Branch, Shark River, Farmingdale, Squan, Brick Church, Point Pleasant, Manchester, Lakewood, Toms River, Waterford, Atsion, Hammonton, Egg Harbor City, Pleasant Mills, Winslow Junction, Hammonton, Egg Harbor City, Pleasant Mills, Winslow Junction, Atlantic City, Tuckahoe, Marmora, Seaville, Cape May, Dennisville, Cape May Court-house, Rio Grande, Cape Island, Leaves Pier 1, North River, every morning for Camden. Freight received foot of Murray-st. till 3:30 P. M. D. S. SEWBOUN, General Superintendent.

NEW-YORK, HARLEM AND ALBANY RAILROAD.—Increased accommodations. Trains for Albany, Troy, the North and West, leave 26th-st. Depot at 8 A. M. and 4:30 P. M.

Express trains leave New-York for Albany at 1:30 P. M., and Albany for New-York at 8:15 A. M.

JOHN HURCHILL, Superintendent.

NORTHERN R. R. OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 8:15 A. M., 12:25 P. M., 3:30 P. M., 5:30 P. M., and on Mondays only at 8:30 A. M. The only line through to Monsey.

THOS. W. DEMAREST, Supt.

MORRIS AND ESSEX RAILROAD COMPANY, FOOT OF BARCLAY-STREET.—Through Mail trains for Hackettstown and intermediate stations leave New-York at 8 A. M. and 4 P. M. Morristown Express at 4 P. M. J. S. HASSINGER, Superintendent.

STEAMBOATS.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD AND SPRINGFIELD.—Steamers leave Pier 1 at 4:30 P. M. Passengers to north and west from New-Haven at 11 P. M., or remain on board over night without charge.

PERSONAL.

A. J.—I RECEIVED YOUR LETTERS AND WE will act as you desire. [illegible]

AMUSEMENTS.

WINTER GARDEN.
EIGHTY-FOURTH NIGHT.
MR. AND MRS. W. J. FLORENCE.
TOM TAYLOR'S GREAT DRAMA.
TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN'S CERTIFICATE.
for well-conducted men discharged on licence.
ROBERT SHERLY,
Age. [illegible] Sergt. at Chambers.
In separate or other number. [illegible]
On his wages ..... Six months
On his wages ..... Two years, six months
Forfeit wages ..... None.
Conduct ..... Labourer.
These are to certify that his conduct under penal discipline has been as follows:
ON PUBLIC WORKS—Exemplary.
IN OTHER CONFINEMENT—Good.
Given without appeal.
Dated, 3d November, 1862.
ROBERT SHERLY,
GOVERNOR OF FORELAND PRISON.

The London Times, in speaking of this great moral drama, mentions a fact to which the Provincial Press of Great Britain and Ireland has given confirmation:

"Mark Wood, who succeeded from Liverpool with the author of his employment, and, after waiting many days, arrived at Birmingham, in the hope of getting a place taking commercial employment, as soon as the time which was being occupied on the production of his play was over.

THE TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN.

is of the public, it seems, to have drawn a moral from the representation, for when the scene in which the "Ticket-of-leave Man" took place, Parker, the chief villain, is informed that he will not get out of his chamber, but shall be sent to the Public Store, the whole house rings with applause, and the cry is, "Serve him right!" [illegible]

WINTER GARDEN.
MR. AND MRS. W. J. FLORENCE.
IN THE TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING, JAN. 20,
EDWIN BOOTH,
in the role of
CAESARIO WOLSEY,
in Shakespeare's
KING HENRY THE EIGHTH.
assisted by
Mr. F. B. CONWAY,
Mrs. F. B. CONWAY,
and a full and
Mr. JOHN DICKS,
VALENTES COMPANY.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
GERMAN OPERA.
LAST BUT ONE PERFORMANCE.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1864.
BENEFIT OF MLLE. CAMISSA.
TANNHAUSER.

Grand opera in three acts. By R. Wagner, with Sacred Spring and Chorus.

MAD. JOHANNSEN, MAD. FRIEDERICI,
MLLE. CAMISSA, HERR HIMMER,
HERR SABELMANN, HERR STEINECKE,
HERR HERMANNS, HERR GRAFF.

Members of the Arion Society have kindly volunteered to assist in the chorus.

The proceedings in the second act will be of unusual splendor, new costumes, appointments, &c., increased orchestra and chorus.

Conductor ..... CARL BERGMANN.

Prices as usual.

The sale of tickets will commence on Tuesday morning at the Academy of Music, and at Beer & Schirmer's, No. 701 Broadway.

Season and Complimentary tickets will not be admitted.

HOWE'S GREAT CIRCUS.
Nos. 199 and 201 BOWERY.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN FAIR for the BENEFIT of the U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION, are happy to announce that the manager of the above Hall has kindly tendered the first to place the premises of his establishment at their service, and that the proceeds of

TWO GRAND PERFORMANCES,

on WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20, will be for the BENEFIT of THE FAIR.

EXTRA ATTRACTIONS will be given, including THE SHERWOOD FAMILY,

together with A HOST OF VOLUNTARY AID, the whole forming AN ARRAY OF TALENT hitherto unprecedented in the EQUESTRIAN ART.

Tickets 25 cents, for sale at the door and the Principal Hotels and at Sanitary Stores. Doors open at 2 in the afternoon, evening at 7.

IRVING HALL.
SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 23, 1864,
GRAND LITERARY AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.

MR. DE CORDOVA'S
New and Patriotic Poem, entitled
"THE SOLDIER,"
with musical accompaniments by
Mr. HELMSMULLER'S
CELEBRATED GERMANIA BAND,
who will also perform a choice selection of their popular Music.

Tickets ..... 50 cents.
For sale at Beer & Schirmer's, No. 701 Broadway and at Irving Hall.
Doors open at 7, commence at 8 o'clock.

MIRLO'S SALOON.
WEDNESDAY EVENING,
JAN. 20, 1864.
GRAND CONCERT,
and first appearance of
Madame CHARLOTTE VARIAN,
assisted by GEORGE SIMPSON, Tenor,
HENRY ARPT, Violoncelo,
EDWARD HOFFMAN, Pianist.

Admission, 50 cents.
Reserved seats, 75 cents.
Sale of reserved seats will commence Saturday morning at Beer & Schirmer's, No. 701 Broadway.
Doors open at 7 o'clock.
Concert to commence at 8 o'clock.

THEATRE FRANÇAIS,
NIBLO'S CONCERT SALOON,
EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY,
SATURDAY, Jan. 23, 1864,
for the last time,
LE VOYAGE DE MONSIEUR PERRICHON.
Comedy, in four acts, by Labiche.
Doors open at 7½, to commence at 8 o'clock precisely.
TUESDAY, Jan. 26,
THE GREAT SUCCESS,
"LES EFFRONTS."
Comedy, in four acts, by Emile Augier.

ST. NICHOLAS HALL,
No. 563 Broadway, opposite Metropolitan Hotel,
HEADQUARTERS OF PERSIAN'S NATIONAL HOME ENTERPRISE.

A series of magnificent STEREOSCOPIC VIEWS, comprising thrilling War Tableaux and beautiful Scenes in Architecture and Nature, and the gigantic MIRROR OF THE REBELLION.

A superb illustrated history of the war, DEVOTED TO THE AID OF INVALID SOLDIERS.

For details of the enterprise see descriptive bills. Exhibition EVERY EVENING at 7½, and WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY AFTERNOONS at 3 o'clock; single admission, 25 cents; National Home tickets, admitting four, $1 each.

GRAND MUSICAL AND DEAFOLOGICAL ENTERTAINMENT.—MME. D'ANGRI, SIGNORELLA and Prof. COLBURN, NASH and CURTIS, have kindly volunteered their services for a Grand Musical performance in connection with the repetition of the eloquent lecture of W. F. BELDEN, Esq., at Cooper Institute, on THURSDAY EVENING, Jan. 21, for the Sanitary Commission. Tickets, 25 cents. For sale at the office Sanitary Commission, No. 823 Broadway, No. 10 Cooper Institute, Chamber No. 9 Bible House, and the principal music stores and hotels. Doors open at 7 o'clock; music to commence 7½ o'clock.

INSTRUCTION.

THE RIVERDALE INSTITUTE,
A COLLEGIATE SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.
Fourteen miles from New-York.
At Riverdale, on the Hudson.
Rector, Rev. WM. C. LEVERETT, M. A.
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CLASSICAL FRENCH AND ENGLISH SCHOOL,
No. 204 8th-av., corner 26th-st. Opens Sept. 9.

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, TROY, N. Y.—The Eighteenth Semi-Annual Session of this well-known School of Engineering will commence Feb. 10, 1864. For the new Annual Register, giving full information, address

Prof. CHARLES DROWNE, Director, Troy, N. Y.

FRENCH FAMILY SCHOOL FOR BOYS, AT ELMIRA, N. Y.—Room vacant for five or six boys. No other language but French spoken in the family. For circulars, address

LOUIS OLIVIER, Elmira, N. Y.

BENJAMIN MASON'S
COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY BOARDING SCHOOL, YONKERS, New-York.
For making boys intelligent, healthy, Christian MEN. Circulars at No. 20 Nassau-st., and No. 594 Broadway.

GROVE HILL SEMINARY FOR YOUNG LADIES, Street, Barrington, Mass. Term commences WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24, inst., and continues twenty weeks. Address, the Principal, Mrs. M. F. ALLEN.

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MILITARY ACADEMY—TARRYTOWN, N. Y.—For circulars, apply to the Principal, Geo. M. LOCKWOOD.

MILITARY BOARDING SCHOOL—WHITE Plains, N. Y. Principal, OLIVER E. WILLIS, A. M.

TEACHERS.

TO TE

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Oath of Allegiance in the Senate.

Speech of Senator Bayard, of Delaware.

The Internal Revenue Bill in the House.

THE TAX ON DISTILLED SPIRITS.

NOMINATIONS SENT TO THE SENATE.

Rebel Preparations for the Spring Campaign.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE N. Y. TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 19.

REBEL PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPRING CAMPAIGN.

An intelligent printer, who arrived to-day from Richmond by underground lines, states that the rebels are drafting every person to recruit their armies, and pushing into the field every male capable of bearing arms—even boys of 16 and old men of 65. They impress, too, into the service all horses they can find, and give formal receipts for them. He says, too, the rebel Government still extends no in the dealing with the number and effectiveness of its troops. Jeff's army, we understand, has not received many reinforcements, but Jenkins's army in the Southwest is being heavily augmented by conscription. He thinks there is no doubt that the rebels will soon consent to an exchange of prisoners, as they will take back in the field, and for prisoners part of forces to them.

The construction of the iron-clads at Richmond has been abandoned. The iron which was intended to be used in their construction has been sent to Charleston and Savannah, to complete several iron-clads which are being built there. A universal feeling of terror and despondency pervades the South, and it is with difficulty that the Government is able to stem the current of popular feeling setting in against it.

THE RECONSTRUCTION IN ARKANSAS.

The Arkansas Delegation had an interview with the President this afternoon, and gave him their views in reference to the policy to be pursued to bring that State back into the Union. The delegation urged the appointment of Col. Bonneau as Governor. They said that they will have the State back in the Union within three months, if they are justly treated by the Government. President LINCOLN promised to give them a written answer to-morrow. The delegation also expressed that they will get all they ask for.

THE PRESIDENT'S RECONSTRUCTION RESOLUTIONS.

The Secretary of War has ordered the discontinuance of the payment of premium of two dollars to enlisted recruits for volunteer regiments. No allotment of this premium to veteran volunteers, or bounties for volunteer regiments, will in future be paid.

THE LAW OF RECEPTIONS.

The Republicans thus correctly publish the Law of Receptions: The receptions of wives of the Cabinet Ministers are generally about semi-monthly, and those whom their course or cause are invited by each. The Secretaries every Friday evening, and on each of Wednesday and Thursday of the Government, work daily, and the friends and acquaintance of the President and his family, are the principal guests. The Postmaster complains that every other Thursday evening, and the attendance of strangers is so great without cards of invitation, that it is impossible to accommodate them. Mrs. LINCOLN, however, holds an immense reception, which, however, holds an immense number. This cannot begin for three evening receptions, from 8 to 11 P. M. Mrs. LINCOLN has a reception Saturday, from 1 to 2 P. M., at which the President when his public duties permit, and to this, ladies are admitted. We understand, also, that the families of the Cabinet Ministers, and of the Speaker, assist them to receive calls Wednesdays.

NO MEMBERS TO SERVE IN THE HOUSE.

The Committee on Elections have decided against the claims of Jesse Burks, of Virginia, and Finnal, of Louisiana, to seats in the House.

GEN. SICKLES AGAIN IN WASHINGTON.

Gen. SICKLES arrived here to-day from Fortress Monroe, on business connected with the exchange of prisoners. He had interviews with the Secretary of War and Gen. HALLECK. He will see the President to-morrow.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERALCY.

The Military Committee has decided to report the bill creating the office of Lieutenant-General. Notice was given in the Committee room by some of the members that they would oppose the bill if either Gen. GRANT or Gen. HALLECK's name was inserted here during its passage; the first, because he cannot be spared from the field, and the second for very different reasons.

DISMISSED FROM THE ARMY.

Capt. W. W. WHITE, Provost-Marshal of the Eighteenth Pennsylvania District, Williamsport, has been dismissed the service, and arrested and lodged in the Old Capitol Prison for alleged frauds in the duties of his office.

Second Lieut. CHARLES FRAZIER, Fifth New-York cavalry, by order of Brigadier Lockwood, commanding the Middle Department, has been dismissed the service for unofficerlike conduct and violation of military discipline.

Col. JOHN GRAHAME, Forty-sixth New-York Volunteers, and Second-Lieut. JOHN E. TUTHILL, of the same regiment, have been dismissed the service.

CLOTHING ACCOUNTS.

It is ordered by the War Department that, in the settlement of the clothing accounts of volunteers, where periods of service have been less than one year, they shall be entitled to the following credits for the different periods of service, viz.: three months' service, $25 50; six months' service, $25 50; nine months' service, $42 25.

THE PRESIDENT'S DINNER PARTY.

The President gives his first dinner party on Thursday.

THE WINNEBAGO LANDS.

It is reported that the Secretary of the Interior has cancelled the sale of the Winnebago trust lands, and ordered a new sale.

NOMINATIONS SENT IN.

The President to-day sent in the following names of New-York officers for confirmation:

As Assistant Quartermaster, with the Rank of Captain—Co.-L. J. Bulkley, Hanson A. Thomas, Ernest Hagenbeck, Edward L. Strong, Henry C. Matsonn, Theodore H. Budge, David O. Dewell, Albert M. Hunter, to J. W. Sanford, Chas. B. Cuttenden, Jacob B. Lock, Gilbert M. Mastead, Geo. F. Foster, C. M. Levy.

Commissaries of Subsistence, with the rank of Captain—Edward Wright, Thomas W. G. Ely, George H. Wale, Jos. L. Shaw, Frederick W. Clark, David B. Cushing, Chas. Hall, Wm. R. Wesson, James W. Lawrence, Isaiah E. Clark, Edwin Henry.

Assistant Paymasters—George Truesdale, James Thompson, Edward J. Walker, Seldon E. Marvin, Charles E. Butterfield, Chas. J. Hoyt.

Surgeon, U. S. Volunteers, with the rank of Captain—First-Lieut. N. M. Morgan, Eighty-sixth regiment; First-Lieut. Lewis L. Harney, Sixty-ninth; Lieut. Jas. H. Green, Twenty-fourth regiment.

Assistant Surgeon—Chas. Smart, vice Cruvet, resigned.

Assistant Surgeon—Thomas M. Deane to be Surgeon, Hartshorne, vice Vaughn, resigned. Col. Alex. Ramsay to be Chief of Ordnance, with the rank of Brigadier-General, Sept. 15, 1862, vice Ripley, retired.

APPOINTMENTS.

Capt. C. S. Parsons, of New-York, has been appointed Assistant Adjutant-General, and is assigned to the staff of Gen. Schofield.

Acting Rear-Adm. S. P. Lee, of the U. S. Navy, Mortgaged, has been promoted to the rank of Acting Master in the navy, for gallant conduct in face of the enemy.

MURDEROUS REBELS.

Asst. Surgeon Robert C. Kenney, 64th New-York cavalry, dismissed from the service by special orders of the War Department, November 26, 1863, has been restored to his former position, pronounced the verdict has not been filed.

DISCOVERY OF LEAD DEPOSITS IN NEW-MEXICO.

The Secretary of the Interior, on Saturday, received a letter from Albuquerque, New-Mexico, stating that immense deposits of lead had recently been discovered in that vicinity. The ore is represented to be very rich, and it is believed to be impregnated with gold and silver.

DISPATCHES TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 19.

GUERRILLA ATTACK AT FAIRFAX COURT-HOUSE.

The *Star* says the following dispatch has been received at headquarters:

FAIRFAX COURT-HOUSE, Monday, Jan. 18.

Fifteen or twenty rebels attacked the picketing Fifth Mill this morning, but were driven off by a volley from our men. A few guerrillas have appeared both last night and to-night, in the vicinity of our lines. Parties have been sent out to try and pick them up.

REIMBURSEMENT OF NEW-YORK.

The bill introduced by Senator WADE to-day, directs that the Secretary of the Treasury, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, pay to the Comptroller of the City of New-York, or to the duly authorized agents, the cost, charges and expenses properly incurred by the corporation of the said City, for enrolling, succoring, supplying, arming and equipping the troops employed in aiding to suppress the present insurrection against the United States, to be collected upon proper vouchers, to be filed and passed upon by the proper accounting officer of the Treasury.

A REFUGEE WITH PLENTY OF SPECIE.

Isaac LINEBAR, who claims to be a Union refugee from Wilmington, N. C., was taken from the Leonardtown coach yesterday, while on his way to this city, and committed to the Old Capitol Prison by Provost-Marshal Tom. The prisoner when arrested had upon his person $700 in gold, mostly in $20 pieces, $450 in State money, and two gold watches. LINEBAR states that when he was endeavoring to make his way through Virginia, he was overwhelmed by a Confederate recruiting officer, but was let off on presenting his captor with a gold watch as a bribe.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Naval Bill, as reported to-day from the Committee of Ways and Means, appropriates for the ordinary operations of the navy proper, about $27,000,000, in addition to the usual appropriations for the several bureaus of the department, and for navy yards, docks, and miscellaneous expenditures. The pay of officers, seamen and engineers requires $10,423,404, and for construction and repairs $20,400,000. For armor-plated vessels $2,200,000; hemp and other materials $700,000; fuel $2,000,000; equipment $3,000,000; provisions $6,816,000; construction and repairs of machinery $20,316,000; surgeon's supplies and miscellaneous $6,300,000; navigation apparatus and supplies $520,000.

THE NEW-YORK COURTS.

The bill of Senator MORGAN, of New-York, provided to-day, to facilitate proceedings in admiralty and other judicial proceedings on the part of New-York, contemplates the separation of Kings, Queens, Suffolk, and Richmond Counties, and constitutes a separate district, to be called the Eastern District of New-York. The effect of the bill is not to impair the local, territorial or other jurisdiction of the Circuit Court for the Southern District of New-York, and appeals and writs of error may be taken from the Eastern to the Court for the Southern District of New-York; the Eastern to have concurrent jurisdiction with the Southern District Court over the waters within the counties above specified, and all seizures made therein. The salaries of the Judges of the Eastern and Southern District Courts are fixed at $5,000. Cases of prize shall have preference over all other causes upon any calendar of the court; a term of the court to be held on the first Wednesday of every month.

THE CALIFORNIA MAILS.

The Postmaster-General has invited bids to reduce the running time four days from the Atlantic to the Pacific, for the conveyance of the letter mail only, as well as the entire mail.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE.

Secretary SEWARD, in a letter to Minister ADAMS, dated the 5th of October last, is quoted from the published correspondence, says: "The United States do hoist and must continue to insist that the British Government is justly responsible for the damages which the peaceful, law-abiding citizens of the United States sustain by the depredations of the *Alabama*, that vessel having been built and fitted out in British waters. The Secretary cannot, therefore, instruct Mr. ADAMS to refrain from pressing a claim which he now has in his hands."

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The Senate, to-day, confirmed the following nominations of the President:

LEWIS C. GUNN, of California, to be Collector of Customs for the District of Puget Sound, Territory of Washington;

CHARLES JAMES, Collector of Customs for the District of San Francisco;

SEBASTIAN S. MAGNE, Collector of Customs for the District of Waldoboro, Me.;

WILLIAM E. WOODBRIDGE, Surveyor of Customs for the Port of Havre de Grace, Maryland;

H. M. MEARS, Appraiser of Merchandise for the Port of San Francisco;

CHARLES G. PARSONS, of Maine, Consul for the Island of Trinidad;

ISAAC WASHBURNE, Jr., Collector of Customs for the District of Portland and Falmouth, Me.;

HENRY M. HARNEY and JAMES W. DEERE, Third Lieutenants in the Revenue Cutter service.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 19.

ARIZONA RAILROADS.

Mr. CONNESS, of California, (Union,) presented a petition of the citizens of Arizona, praying for a railroad between that territory and California. Referred.

ARMY REGULATIONS.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, (Union,) presented a bill establishing rules and regulations for the government of the armies of the United States. Referred.

BOUNTIES TO OLD SOLDIERS.

Mr. WILKINSON, of Minnesota, (Union,) introduced a bill providing for the payment of a bounty of $100 to men that are mustered into the service prior to May 2, 1864. Referred.

THANKS TO GEN. THOMAS.

Mr. NESMITH, of Oregon, (Union,) from the Military Committee, reported favorably on the joint resolution expressing the thanks of Congress to Gen. GEORGE H. THOMAS and the officers and men of his command, for their services at Chickamauga.

PAY OF INSPECTORS OF CUSTOMS.

Mr. FESSENDEN, of Maine, (Union,) reported a bill from the Finance Committee, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to increase the compensation of such inspectors of the Customs as are entitled to increased pay, not exceeding one dollar per day.

PAYMENT OF PERUVIAN CLAIMS.

Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, (Union,) presented a bill for the satisfaction of the Peruvian claimants, appropriating about $64,000 in silver.

THANKS TO NAVAL OFFICERS.

Mr. SUMNER, of Maryland, (Union,) reported back from the Naval Committee resolutions of thanks to Commodores CARTER and RINGGOLD, officers and crew of the steamer Seminole.

Mr. HENDER, of New-York, (Union,) from the Naval Committee, reported a resolution of thanks to Commodore DUPONT.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE ADMIRALTY COURTS.

Mr. MORGAN introduced a bill to facilitate proceedings in Courts of Admiralty, and other judicial proceedings in the Courts of New-York, and for other purposes. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

THE GAME OF ILLEGITIMACY.

The Senate resumed, after executive session, the consideration of the constitutional oath from Senators.

Mr. BAYARD, of Delaware, (Dem.,) addressed the Senate at length in opposition to the measure. As he was the only Senator who had not taken the oath prescribed by the resolution, he presumed that it was intended to operate personally on him, notwithstanding he had performed the functions of a Senator since the adoption of the rule, and that other Senators had been allowed to do so without having the additional oath administered to them. The Senate was the only body to judge of the qualifications of its own members under the Constitution, and no judicial act of either House was valid to expel a member who had the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution. The Act of 1862 was frequent in its provisions of the Constitution. It prescribed a new oath for a legislator previous to entering on his duties. The Federal Government was one of limited ly delegated and enumerated powers, and the Senate could not exercise powers not delegated by the States to it under the Constitution. The Constitution prescribed the form of the oath which Representatives should take. He would make no captious opposition to the oath in any form that Congress might prescribe, though he preferred the simple form of the Constitution. He thought the second oath prescribed nothing necessary for the disqualification of Senators not contained in the old oath. As to the clause referring to mental reservation, an act for perjury would hold against a Senator or other person holding such. This oath was a violation from the oath required in the law of 1790, as it was retrospective in its character. The Constitutional oath appealed to the conscience alone. The prescribed oath for the establishment of the rule would be pregnant of evil. It would require a purgation of all offenders against the laws. The power here proposed would be unlimited and extend to all offences. It might require a Representative to support the act of the Executive or Congress. Though he believed it to be diametrically opposed to the spirit and letter of the Constitution, he objected to the rule, not so much for the object it sought to effect, but for the exercise of the unlimited power it conferred. One precedent would be followed by another, until an army engaged, and the Government would be followed by an unlimited despotism. He showed that there was no parallel to the proposed legislation to be found in any of the English courts; and he quoted from various English authorities. He hoped the guarantees of the Constitution would not be idly frittered away, and the only barrier against the approach of despotic power abandoned. This law would inflict a punishment upon him as a consequence of his silence. It would seek to ascertain facts in a manner unknown to the common law and Constitution by a forced confession of guilt. This rule was contrary to the spirit and letter of the Constitution, and held a man guilty for refusing to answer an indictment for a capital crime framed in a manner not authorized by that instrument. Mr. BAYARD proceeded in an elaborate argument to controvert the proposition of Mr. TRUMBULL, that a member of Congress was a civil officer. In conclusion, he said his understanding of the word loyalty was a steadfast adherence to the organic law as defined in the Constitution, and an ardent support of the great guarantees for the maintenance of the principles of civil and religious liberty which it was the object of its framers to promote and perpetuate. If the term loyalty meant anything but adherence to the spirit and letter of the Constitution, he would wish to be considered as disloyal; and when that was so decided he would meet the issue as became his dignity as an American Senator.

Mr. COLLAMER rose to reply to Mr. BAYARD, but gave way until 1 o'clock to-morrow, on motion of Mr. SUMNER that the Senate go into Executive session.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 19.

REMOVAL OF DR. WETHERILL.

On motion of Mr. OFFNER, of Indiana, (Union,) a Select Committee was created to be appointed to inquire into the facts attending the removal of Dr. WETHERILL, the chemist of the Agricultural Department. He said, in order to test an improvement in gunpowder, the President appointed Dr. WETHERILL for one month. Not having concluded his investigation at the termination of that time, it was extended. On reporting the results, he found he was discharged. Dr. WETHERILL is purely a scientific man, and has never received one cent for his services.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE NAVAL SERVICE.

Mr. SCHENCK, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending with June, 1865.

The bill was made the order of the day for To-morrow.

THE CONFISCATION ACT.

The House resumed the consideration of the joint resolution explanatory of the Confiscation Act.

Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, (Union,) expressed his anxiety to get a vote to-morrow, as no other reports can be made from the Committee until this resolution went out of the way.

Mr. COX, of Ohio, (Dem.,) said at least a dozen gentlemen on the Opposition side desired to speak. They should have an opportunity to discuss the measure.

Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) remarked that he and others would vote against the resolution in its present form without amendment. It was worse than the original bill.

Mr. WILSON said if the gentlemen and his friends were determined to defeat the resolution, the responsibility would rest on them.

Mr. BLISS, of Ohio, (Dem.,) expressed his views on the subject of confiscation, claiming into an argument to show that while the Constitution authorized the declaration of the punishment of treason and treason against the life of the guilty, and the forfeiture of estates, it did not justify forfeiture beyond the life of the party. He was constrained to believe that what is claimed to be an improved interpretation of the Constitution is but a wandering from common sense, which should govern legislative proceedings. A new method of doing a forbidden thing did not help the dilemma.

Mr. BOUTWELL, of Massachusetts, (Union,) in his argument, said the majority here and in the country will express judges while they distribute mercy. He understood the resolution before the House to make it the duty of the Courts to administer the penalties prescribed by the act of 1862. Within the limits of the Constitution, the framers of which gave Congress the power to declare the punishment of treason, there is full, complete and unlimited authority, but with the absolute prohibition that no attainder of treason shall work of blood. He was for sustaining any measure which shall provide for the forfeiture of the estates of persons convicted of treason, whether the estates are of goods or of lands.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, on the bill amendatory of the Excise Laws.

Mr. LOVEJOY, of Illinois, (Union,) offered an amendment, changing the tax now proposed on spirits from 60 cents to $1, and argued that the tax should be permanent, in order to prevent speculation.

FERNANDO WOOD, of New-York, (Dem.,) replied, assuming that when peace and harmony shall be restored, the excise tax will cease. The amendment of the gentleman was based on the argument that the war will be of long duration. If the policy of the Administration was to be carried out, the gentleman might well commend legislation for a long war, for if the rebel Government had had control of the action of the Administration, it could not better have aided the rebel cause than gentlemen here were now doing. He opposed the amendment.

Mr. CHANLER, of Iowa, (Union,) moved to tax spirits $1 50. He said the opposition to the measure was vicious and unnecessary. He could conceive why the gentleman from New-York (WOOD) should oppose the increase, for it had been said the groggeries are the nurseries of Democracy. The verdict of the people was against the gentleman, for we have a President who proposes to give freedom to the country by putting down the rebellion. By reducing the consumption of the damnable stuff, and keeping it away from the army, he believed the war would soon be brought to a close.

Mr. CHANLER, of New-York, (Dem.,) said that when the gentleman expressed his desire for a soldier army, he perhaps alluded to Chancellorsville. The history of Generals intoxicated is a curse to the country. Fanaticism would deprive the poor man of a simple necessary of life. He briefly argued against the imposition of heavier burdens.

Mr. KELLEY, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) said if the rebels did not receive encouragement from gentlemen on this floor, we would before one year crush out the rebellion. He denied, as had been remarked, that penal want and poverty stalk our streets, and asserted that our country never enjoyed greater prosperity than now. He, for nine years, had presided over a Court having criminal jurisdiction, and if it had not been for the corner groceries, the school-houses of modern Democracy, his judicial duties would have been reduced eight or nine-tenths.

Mr. CHANLER inquired whether the gentleman was not elected by Democrats.

Mr. KELLEY replied that he being too pure for their purposes, the Democrats refused to take him up, but the people did, and elected him by a vote which no other local officer ever received in the city and county of Philadelphia.

Mr. HARNDEN, of Pennsylvania, (Dem.,) asked Mr. KELLEY whether he did not pledge himself to abide by the Democratic Convention, and then repudiate its action?

Mr. KELLEY would refer his colleague to the Fourth Ward groceries. In the course of his remarks he said, in laying taxation he would, while raising the tax on bad whisky, also increase the price on wines and brandies.

Mr. STRUTHERS, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) opposed the pending amendments. Instead of increasing, they would decrease the revenue, and so that extent deprive the Government of the means of supporting the public burdens. In his younger days, as a member of the Legislature, he had seen that stringent laws to suppress intemperance had failed of their purpose, and the most effective means of reform was moral suasion.

An amendment was offered making the tax on spirits fifty cents per gallon. Rejected.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, (Union,) said the sixty cents per gallon recommended by the Committee of Ways and Means would yield more revenue than an enlargement of the tax. Sixty cents was the highest verge of the spirits could bear as a revenue measure.

Without coming to any conclusion on the subject, the Committee rose.

FERNANDO WOOD introduced a bill to authorize the city of New-York for calling out troops to suppress the rebellion. Adjourned.

FROM ALBANY.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Petitions were presented for aid to the Jews' Hospital, New-York; for aid to the Allred University, and for the reduction of the milk freight on the Harlem Railroad.

BILLS NOTICED.

By Mr. LAIMBEER—To incorporate the Atlantic Navigation Company.

To incorporate the Union League Club of New-York.

By Mr. FINLEY—To amend the law relative to divorces.

By Mr. CONKLING—To amend the law relative to cemetery associations.

By Mr. MURPHY—To amend the Brooklyn Common School Law.

To facilitate the sale of lands.

To amend the act incorporating the firemen of Brooklyn.

To facilitate the execution of trusts and powers in wills.

By Mr. COOK—To incorporate the Trustees of the Troy Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. MURPHY—Relative to historical papers in the office of the Secretary of State.

By Mr. LAIMBEER—To reimburse the Twenty-second regiment for clothing and camp equipage.

By Mr. FOSTER—Relative to changing the time for performing written contracts.

BILLS PASSED.

Prohibiting enlistments in this State to go to the credit of other States.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. FINLEY introduced resolutions calling upon Boards of Supervisors throughout the State to meet in special meeting and ascertain and report the amount of county, city, town and village indebtedness incurred for the war.

The resolution was laid on the table. Adjourned.

SYNOPSIS OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS.

EMBEZZLEMENT.

Mr. GARRY's bill, declaring certain offences to be embezzlement, provides as follows:

SECTION 1. Any person who shall wrongfully and corruptly convert to his own use any public money or property, or any money or property received in held by him in an official capacity, shall be deemed guilty of embezzlement, and punished the same as in other cases of embezzlement of a like amount.

SEC. 2. Any officer, agent or servant of any corporation, who shall knowingly, willfully and corruptly convert to his own use any of the corporate money or property, shall be deemed guilty of embezzlement, and punished as in other cases of embezzlement of a like amount.

BEECHER STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Mr. BEAMAN's bill to incorporate the Beecher Company provides that Wm. P. Williams, Nathaniel B. Palmer, Geo. S. Howland, E. C. Williams and Frank Wight are made a body corporate, by the name and style of "The Neptune Steamship Company," and they may purchase and possess five or more steamships or steamers, and such other property as the Company may deem advantageous to enable them to run such steamships from any place or places in this State, or the adjacent waters of this State, or the Eastern or Southern Coast of the United States.

The capital stock of said Corporation to be $500,000, to be divided into shares of $100 each, and that said capital stock can be increased to $1,500,000. Notes to be declared except upon actual earnings. The affairs of the Corporation to be under the control of not less than five nor more than thirteen Directors.

The Company to have the exclusive and entire control of Pier No. 1 of North River, foot of Rutgers-street, together with the bulkheads on the north and south sides of said pier during the continuance of their lease. The corporation to exist twenty years.

WAR EXPENDITURES.

Mr. FINLEY introduced the following, which was laid on the table and ordered printed:

Whereas, The people of this State have, independent of voluntary private gifts and the action of the State Government, contributed very largely, through their municipal and local Governments, for the support of the war; and

Whereas, It is important that the evidence of such patriotic contributions should be preserved in case of any adjustment being proposed hereafter, whether among the several States or among the several counties and municipalities; and

Whereas, It is desirable that many persons who are strangers of the contributions of the people of this State in support of the Government in its efforts to suppress this rebellion shall be known; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Supervisors in each County in this State be and they are hereby directed to report to the Senate forthwith

1. The total amount of contributions by the inhabitants of their counties;

2. The total amount of outstanding indebtedness against every town in their county;

3. The amount of such indebtedness in the several towns, specifying the amount for local purposes, but for the purpose of supporting the common Government in its efforts to put down the rebellion;

4. The amount of indebtedness in the several cases which, although not actually outstanding, had been up to the time of the report (under these resolutions) authorized to be incurred as the several counties, villages, cities and towns.

Resolved, That a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors in each county in the State be hereby directed to be held within ten days from the time the Clerk of the Board shall receive a copy of the above for the purpose of making the report herein required.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CANAL APPRAISERS.

The annual report of this body shows that the number of claims filed during the year ending Sept. 30, was 149, and the amount claimed $154,313 23.

From Jan. 1, 1864, to Sept. 30, 1863, the total number of claims against the State filed for the action of the Appraisers was 4,164, on which was claimed $7,487,947 91.

As now so far as can be ascertained, the number of claims on all the canals, on the Sept. 30, 1863, and still unheard, is 555, on which is claimed $750,000.

The number of awards made during the last fiscal year were 305, on which was claimed $376,000 allowed thereon, $232,612 06.

The total amount awarded by the Appraisers on all the canals of this State from the commencement of their jurisdiction in 1817 to Sept. 30, 1863, is $4,036,454 79, of which sum the Erie Canal Enlargement has received $2,612,194 61, and the other canals the balance, $1,425,260 78.

ASSEMBLY.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Jan. 19.

The Speaker announced the following as the Select Committee to inquire into the conditions of the soldiers at Riker's Island: Messrs. PINKNEY, G. PARKER and BULLOCK.

BILLS ADVANCED TO A THIRD READING.

Authorizing the Commercial Bank of Saratoga Springs to reduce its capital stock.

Amending the charter of the Sing Sing Savings Bank.

BILLS NOTICED.

By Mr. MILLER—To amend the Charter of the City of Hudson.

By Mr. GRAHAM—To amend the rules of legal advertising.

By Mr. PINKNEY—To amend the Charter of the City of New-York.

By Mr. PINKNEY—To provide for the enrollment of the First Division of the National Guard.

By Mr. KIRK—Prohibiting the use of dummy engines on the Hudson River Railroad, below Thirty-first-street.

By Mr. BRENNAN—To amend the Tax and Assessment Laws of New-York City.

By Mr. MARTIN—To regulate enlistments.

By Mr. CROSS—Relative to bounties in Kings County.

By Mr. KIRK—To amend the Metropolitan Police Act, by abolishing the Inspectors of Police.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. WALSH—To divide the Ninth Ward, Brooklyn.

By Mr. CROSS—To authorize the laying of a double track in Brooklyn and Newtown.

By Mr. BERGNER—Authorizing the New-York Infirmary for Women and Children to confer the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

By Mr. WEAVER—To legalize the acts of the Supervisors of Oneida County and the Common Council of Utica relative to bounties.

By Mr. HALE—Repealing the act relative to the jail and penitentiary in Kings county.

Mr. L. PARKER offered a resolution for a committee to investigate the charges against Col. SCHAFF, of the Eighteenth Regiment, National Guard. Referred.

Adjourned.

The Case of "Count Jeannes."

BOSTON, Tuesday, Jan. 19.

The case of GEORGE JONES, better known as "Count JEANNES," indicted as a common barrator for stirring up quarrels with Annexed and peaceable citizens of the Commonwealth, was commenced to-day in the Superior Criminal Court. The case attracts much attention, and will probably occupy several days. The "Count" pleads his own case.

[Advertisement.]

Two thousand persons, principally women and children, turned to death in a church in Ohio, Revelation and interior views of the awful tragedy, from photographs taken on the spot by Dr. CARLOS HEMMENS, and drawn by HITCHCOCK, expressly for DESPERAT'S New-York Illustrated News, will appear on Friday of this week, with other splendid illustrations.

[Advertisement.]

GRAND GALA DAY at the Museum. Two performances at 2 and 7½ P. M. The great drama of the Ticket-of-Leave Man, 2 and 7½ P. M. This being the last week of the popular play, this opportunity is the last that can be neglected. The enormous stage, diminutive dwarfs, and hosts of other novelties, will be visible at all hours.

[Advertisement.]

The political experience of the rebel General ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, Ex-Vice President of the Confederacy, is the United States. Over the will extract the history of Coffee will be sold for a short time only, at 50 cents per pound, through the great agent, F. W. KRAFT. All other grocers cannot sell Kraft's Coffee.

Shaw's Patent Lightning Fire-proof Safes and Hazard's new Patent Burglar-proof Safes, with Hall's Patent Crystallized Iron—the only material which cannot be drilled—at No. 251 Broadway, New-York.

MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS—THIRD PAGE.

Gun Flints.... 7 10 | Gun Locks.... 6 00 | Gunny cloth.... 4 12
Musket Stock.... 4 50 | Gov. Locks.... 6 44 | Bell Cups.... 1 00

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....TUESDAY, Jan. 19.

Cleared.

Steamship Daniel Webster, Sherman, New-Orleans.
Steamer Petrel, Davis, Beaufort, Murray & Nephew.
Ships Garibaldi, Emery, San Francisco, Sutton & Co.
Antwright, Hawkins, Liverpool, Spofford, Tileston & Co.
Brig Gleaner, (Br.,) Pentecost, Sisal, J. L. Lawrence & Co.
Schooners Telegraph, (Br.,) Shaw, Corson, Mills, D. S. De Wolf; J. H. Day, Chase, Washington, Mills, Kenny; Triumph, (Br.,) Lockhart, Cornwallis, D. S. De Wolf; J. Williamson, ——, Philadelphia, ——, McKee; Brandywine, Cowen, Wilmington, J. W. Rice.

Arrived.

U. S. steamship Thomas A. Scott, O'Brien, Port Royal, S. C., Jan. 15, at 4 P. M. 16th, gave chase to a blockade runner for 12 hours, but lost her at night. 18th, made Hatteras at 12 M., when a heavy fog set in, during which pass on to the lightship and came to anchor; made the passage to the lightship in 60 hours.

U. S. steam transport Star of the South, Woodhull, Port Royal, with cotton to U. S. Quartermaster. Was detained 15 hours off Sandy Hook by the fog.

Steamship Evening Star, Vye, New-Orleans and S. W. Pass Jan. 13, and Havana 16th, with 1,200 bales of cotton, and 120 passengers to Jas. A. Bayard.

Ship Hesperides, (of Liverpool,) George, Liverpool, Nov. 19, with mdse. and 30 passengers to Williams & Guion. Left Queenstown through the North Channel and for the first 24 da. had a succession of heavy gales from the W. Dec. 21, lat. 47 10, lon. 24, passed a large vessel, dismasted. Dec. 22, lat. 46 00, lon. 30, passed an American bark.

Ship Statesman, (of Searsport,) Nichols, Montevideo, Nov. 10, in ballast to E. F. Beck & Co. The ship H. M. Hayes, for Callao, and bark Ocean's Favorite, for Buenos Ayres, sailed Nov. 22.

Ship Oberon E. Tyrrell, Meaher, Portland, Me., in ballast to J. C. Baker.

Ship Elwood Walter, Chadwick, Tortugas 16 da., in ballast to Benner & Brown.

Bark Lucy Frances, (of Stockport,) Terry, Tortugas 14 da., in ballast to E. F. Beck & Co.

Bark Fanny Baker, Fortune, Fort Royal 6 da., in ballast to M. L. McCready & Co.

Bark Houston, Spalls, New-Orleans 12 da., with sugar to Wakeman, Dimon & Co.

Bark Venus, Atkinson, Cardenas Dec. 31, with sugar, etc., to Joseph Foulke's Sons. Anchored in the Narrows, where she was detained by the fog and ice.

Bark Golden Fleece, (of London,) Way, Aspinwall, C. G. H., 27 da., via St. Helena Dec. 5, with coal to order.

Bark Venus, Fassler, Cardenas 12 da., with mdse. to Jos. Foulke's Sons.

Bark E. A. Lansley, Dennis, Cardiff 56 da., with iron to Thomas James.

Brig Lizzie Ryder, (of Tarpaulin, N. S.,) Crosby, Arquita 16 da., with salt to Thomas James. Has had heavy N. W. winds for the past 10 da.; has been inside the Hook in the lay some days last, and has received some damage.

Brig Hope, (before reported,) Durando, of and from St. Thomas, 24 da., in ballast to Middleton & Co.

Brig Hawker, (of Liverpool, Eng.,) Gilbert, Sagua Dec. 31, with sugar to Sonnet Dieudonne & Co. Left no vessels.

Brig Hancock, (of Boston,) Giles, Manzanilla Dec. 22, with cedar, logwood, etc., to Thompson & Stimson.

Brig Costa Rica, Peel, Aspinwall 20 da., with mdse. to J. Joy.

Brig Lorina, (Br.,) Attwood, Shelburne, N. S., 14 da., in ballast to master.

Brig Caroline, Hatfield, Aspinwall 21 da., with mdse. to J. J. Joy. Had very heavy weather; was 7 da. N. of Hatteras.

Schr. Amelia, (of Newburyport,) Hughes, Grand Turk, 21 da., in ballast to E. W. Lowell & Co. Experienced very heavy weather; was dismasted. Left no vessels.

Schr. J. W. Hatfield, (of Wiscasset, Me.,) Wood, Aquadilla Dec. 29, via Holmes' Hole, with salt to D. S. De Wolf.

Schr. P. Armstrong, Chichester, Portsmouth Monroe 4 da., with agency mdse.

Schr. Primrose, Hole, Baltimore 3 da., with flour, etc., to Hoit & Co.

Schr. E. S. Wheeler, Gooking, Boston, with coal for Norfolk.

Schr. Eugene, Neff, Gloucester, with fish.

Schr. John Griffin, Griffin, Gloucester, with fish.

Schr. J. Paine, Mayo, Boston, for Washington.

Schr. E. M. Dyer, Rich, Boston, for Washington.

Schr. Velocity, Pameroy, Boston.

BELOW—Ship Havre, and 2 barks, unknown.

WIND—Eastern, W. fresh.

By Telegraph.

BOSTON, Jan. 19—Arr. bark "Anacona," Falconer, ships Brave, Liverpool; Rose Standard, Cardiff.

Domestic Ports.

HOLMES HOLE, Jan. 18—Arr. brig S. C. Shaw, (Br.,) for Boston; schr. H. D. Grindle, for Frankfort; N. E. Oakley, Amsterdam, from New-Bedford.

Wind—(P.—Arr. brig Abby Watson, for Washington; schrs. Hunter, for Boston; Ann Eliza, for Newark; Ann Eliza, for New-York; Rambler, for Baltimore; Cubas, Witherspoon and Enchantress, for New-York; Hercules, for New-York; Owen Sears, Rising Dawn, for New-York; Mrs. Blake, Isabel Sharp, Freedom and Lexington, for Washington, D. C.; Geyer, Greenwood, Alexander; Maria Law, J. R. Austin, for Baltimore and Philadelphia; Jennie Morton, for Baltimore; Augusta Haynet, for Wye River, Md.

Sailed—Bark Hindoo, brig A. Nichols, Lillian, S. C. Shaw, (Br.,) Hattie Rose, Minturn.

Jan. 19—Arr. schrs. Fallon, from New-York, for Rockland; Queen W. Elwell, for New-York.

S. E., cloudy and thick fog. In port, the above arrivals of yesterday and to-day.

Stockton, &c.

Morovia—ship, hence for San Francisco, Dec. 14, lat 30 04 S., lon. 32.

Foreign Ports.

At Montevideo, Nov. 30, ships Atlantic, Blair, from Hull, discha.; Fisherman, Blanchard, from Ellsworth, for orders, sev. Nov. 26.

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